



U. S. N. R. MIDSHIPMEN'S SCHOOL

Sunday night
April 25

Dear mother and dad,

I am sure anxious to hear all about your trip, the graduation, Jerry and as much as possible about Jerry's argument. I was so glad to get your letter from San Antonio. It came Friday so it did beat you back, I think.

All I could do for Jerry was to send him a telegram. I hope he got it OK. I'll bet he looked like a million dollars in his new uniforms - of course he would look much better out of uniform but that's out of the picture for all of us now. Sure would like to see him soon. you never can tell maybe we'll come together some time. I assume he goes to an advance school for a couple of months.

I had a very wonderful weekend with Mary and Georgia Sue. The Ackley's went to Kalamazoo for the weekend so we were by ourselves. Georgia Sue certainly is a wonderful child. She was a bit afraid of me at first this weekend but soon got over it. Golly I think

she is almost perfect. She is so alert and I think she will be talking before long. She tries hard to say things after you now, and sometimes she does pretty good. She is so strong! She pulls herself up and down, climbs all over you, and in her play pen she walks around hanging on to the sides. She likes an audience, I think, because this afternoon she put on a real show for Mary and I in her play pen. A moving picture of her in action would be priceless.

We pushed her in the buggy yesterday afternoon and since it was so warm Mary only had a sweater on H. S., leaving her hands out in the open and free to grab the side of the buggy. That's just what she did, and it took one of us to keep her from falling out while the other pushed. So we immediately proceeded to town and got a harness (made out of leather). It will work to hold her in the buggy, tetter babe, high chair or as an aid when she is learning to walk. It only cost about 60 cents but already we have found out it is almost a necessity.

Mary had trouble with the car again this weekend. When she came to get me, the battery was dead again. Mrs. Ackley pushed her to get the car started and then she drove down after me. I went to have it checked, and as I expected I had to get a new battery. One cell was completely down and the other two



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were very weak. Just two weeks ago the same thing happened, and last weekend I checked the battery for water and it took a lot at that time. So rather than monkey around with it I got a new one. I can't kick because it was the original battery that has covered its time without causing any trouble until now. 2 1/2 years is pretty good service out of a battery. I only hope this new one lasts as long, but it won't with the way a car is driven these days.

Dad, I hate to be so darn dependant financially, but there is not much I can do about it right now. Mary's account is down to about \$35 again now that I drew the price of a new battery out of it. I really don't think her expenses will be as much now that she is down here. A whole week's board and room for her is less than what one weekend trip used to be, and then ~~our~~ ^{my} expense for hotel, meals etc. is eliminated now. After I'm Commissioned I'll get about \$262 a month I hope, so I'll be able to pay you back gradually. Having Mary and L. S. so near is so wonderful that I think it is worth the expense of moving etc. I only hope now that they can go right along with me when I

leave here.

It is almost time for tax so I'll
have to quit.

Love,

George