



NAVIGATION SCHOOL
MONROE, LOUISIANA

April

Saturday

Dear Mom, Orey, Cecil & Al, Grandma & Grandpa,

I have to write one letter to the whole bunch because I haven't the time to write to them all individually. So far, I haven't received any letters from you since I'm here, but I'm writing anyway, even though there isn't much that is new since my last letter.

We are kept so busy that we don't have a second to ourselves. In fact, the officers know that the schedule is too full, & they have changed it beginning with Monday. Under the new schedule we start our classes at 7:30 A.M. & complete the morning classes at 10:30. Then from 10:45 to 11:45, we will have our athletics, with lunch coming about 12 o'clock. Then, imagine this, we have until 1:40 before our afternoon classes will start, & will end at 3:40. After classes, we will still have lectures, drill, etc. The only improvement is the free hour after lunch. This past week we didn't even have time to eat lunch if we wanted to be

on time for classes (& we have to be on time for classes).
So, we'll see how the new schedule will work out.

Aside from the fact that they try to stretch the day to about 30 hours here, it is very difficult. The courses are mostly general information, because they are only given for a short time. For instance, we had a star identification course that consisted of 2 hours. We have a class in ground forces, which is 10 hours & will be completed next week, & so on. The main courses are math, physics & code, which are taken for almost the full 9 weeks. We had a speed test (10 minutes) in math yesterday. There were 37 problems & I was the only one in my section to finish them all. Afterwards, the instructor told us that no one is expected to finish, but sometimes one or two men out of an entire class (about 300) do finish all the problems. So, I'm one of those. I hope all my answers were right too.

How is everything at home? Is Al feeling better?
Oh, yes, they are having a seder for us at the U.S.C., in town Monday evening. I originally signed up to go, but we have an exam in aircraft identification on Tuesday, & there is a review class Monday night, which I don't want to miss. They will also serve matzos at press if we want them.

Regards to everyone
Marty