

Sunday 5/1

Dear Mom,

I've been here over two weeks now, & so far I haven't received any mail from you. I've written to you a few times, but no answer.

Things are pretty much the same down here. The weather is always very nice, and we are always kept busy every minute of the day. We've completed quite a few courses already, & so far my grades are pretty good. They throw things at you so fast here, that they can't expect you to get anything but general information out of most courses. The only real important courses in pre-flight are math & physics. In math so far, my average is 97, and we start physics tomorrow.

Yesterday, we had a big parade in town to launch the new bond drive. It was supposed to be the biggest parade in Monroe's history. There were 1200 cadets, WACs, army nurses, red cross, boy scouts, naval scouts, ROTC, floats, bands & a lot of other things. We

left camp at 9:30 in the morning, the parade started about 10:30 & we were through at noon. We were dismissed then, & had open post until 2:30 A.M. Today, because of Easter Sunday, we have open post again from 7 A.M. to 3 P.M., but most of us aren't ever going into town. Only those fellows who have their wives or girl friends down are going.

The town itself is a nice place. It has a population of about 40 or 50 thousand, & the people are quite friendly. On week-ends, all you see are Cadets & W.A.A.C.s. However, there isn't much to do in town unless you know someone. We have a Cadet Club at one of the hotels & most of the fellows go there.

Well, that's about all the news right now, except that I'm expecting Pearl down in about a week or 10 days and I'll sure be happy to see her. It seems like a year since I left New York. Maybe you will be able to come down for graduation in 7 weeks.

Regards to Cecil, Drey, Al & Grandma & Grandpa. Let me hear from all of you.

Marty