



NAVIGATION SCHOOL
MONROE, LOUISIANA

May

Tuesday 8:15 P.M.

Dear Mom,

I've got a couple of free minutes, so I thought I'd write you, because I don't know when I'll have a few minutes free again.

We don't have one free minute from 6:30 in the morning until about 5:30 in the evening. At 7:30 in the morning, we have calisthenics, until 8:30. Then, we have 20 minutes to shower, dress & fall out for classes which begin at 9 A.M. We have classes from 9 to 12 noon & then come back for lunch, which we hardly have time to eat. At 12:40, we are back at our classes until 3:00 P.M. after 3:00, we have lectures & drill until 5:00 P.M., at which time, we attend the "retreat" ceremony, which signifies the end of the day. Even tonight, at 9:15, we have a session in star gazing out in the open. Incidentally, we finished this star identification course today after two sessions, so you can figure out how fast we go. Instead of the star course, we start code tomorrow.

With all this busy-ness, it is much easier here than it was at Nashville. There isn't as much discipline, we don't have to make our beds or map our barracks every

every day, and they aren't so particular about our dress or shoes being shined. Even the marching cadence is much slower here & easier to march to.

The weather here is just like Long Beach - always a cool breeze, but a hot sun during the day. Nights are always cool. Tonight is very cool, & we are already in our summer uniforms.

How is everything at home? How is grandma & grandpa? Does she know yet what a navigator is? Tell her it's the most important member of the air crew. That's what they keep telling us here.

Well, that's about all now. I'll write you as often as I get the chance. Regards to everybody.

Marty