Dear Folks,

I suppose you've been wondering when that other letter I promised was going to arrive. This is it, and I hope I don't have to copy it off all of a sudden like I did the others. I really hadn't finished it, but I decided if I was ever going to send it, I'd just have to stop right then and there.

So date I've received three letters from you and one from Marine Wood at work. [uncle] also sent me a letter with the same cartoons in it that you did. I really got a kick out of receiving it twice.

I called him Sunday the 5th, and we talked for about ten minutes—in fact until my supply of two nickels ran out. He didn't have much to say except that I should find out if he could come out and see me. Since this I've
found out they don't allow any visitors what-so-
ever. I've tried to reach him twice but he
wasn't at. I'll try again soon.

You might call the kids at work & tell
them to get on the ball & write. There are nine
of them & I've had here a week & a half, but
as I said, I've heard just from Ethel. She
sent me six dollars for the four of them &
took for the plane ride.

Yes, it was candy the Wave Mothers gave us.
Between the four of us there are room-mate
and six pounds of candy which lasted us until
about last Wednesday. Now we're buying
it at ship's store. Later we can. We really
eat it up - but the chocolate mixed nuts.

The ships arrived Thursday but I wasn't
able to get over to the P.O. until this afternoon
to pick them up. I see they are Barbeyon-
chot nice than the others ones I had. Thanks.
also thanks for sending along any newspaper clippings that you think would be of interest to me.

When we arrived in Chicago at the J.C. station, Marea, Louise, Mary, Bredt, one of the Red Wares, & I took a cab to the LaSalle St. station, waited there until after 11 o'clock in order to check our one suitcase, then we called Eliz. back. We then went over to his office which was only about two blocks away, waited until 12 so we could all go to lunch. He had a nice lunch at the Fair, & then went back to the station where we waited until about 11:15. At that time we went over to the Board of Trade Bridge, got into groups according to alphabetical order, waited for about an hour, & finally showed off to the station. We left right away on our
eventful trip. No one was in charge of us from 461D to Chicago.

You mentioned about my personal interviews and what I might be headed for. We had these just yesterday and my first choice is aerographers mate, which means a specialist in meteorology. There will be only 6 or 7 people chosen out of our whole regiment of 1600. You can see what the odds are. Mary also has this as her first choice. The school is at Lakehurst, N.J. and I believe the course is 12 weeks. My second choice is called a Specialist ORX who works with the plotting of courses. I don't see where it ties in with aviation, but the requirement stated that one should have CAA ground school knowledge and general aviation information. If I don't get my first one, I'm sure of the second. The specialist school is in Rhode Island, so it looks like what we do, I'll be here in the East.
We just had mail call and received another letter from you. I certainly look forward to them and when I don't get any, naturally I'm disappointed. However, I realize I can't get a letter every mail call.

About the ships, please forget about the extra five dollars - keeps them for all your trouble, etc.

How are you referring to a certain person whom you warned me about our boot training? Can't figure out who it can be. Yes, it is true about everything having to be immaculate. Our rooms are open all the time, so that means things must be in the proper order and clean until 5 p.m. We rise at 5:30 a.m. and have our meals at 6:45. In that time we must get dressed and have our rooms in order which includes making our bunks. Since we usually don't come back after mess, you can see that we can't just run when the bell rings. When it comes to making my bunk, I don't have much trouble since
they've made the same ones here except that all the covers must be tucked in. Also the pillow has a special twist. Our bedspread has a very design on it which goes a certain way, our blanket that's folded at the foot must be folded & placed just so, our towels & hung at the head must be folded so they read U.S.N. You can see that we have a lot of little details to see to.

In the galley (kitchen) all our cosmetics, shoe & sewing kit, stationery, luggage, combs & brushes, etc. must be arranged in size. Having all this stuff in another room makes it very inconvenient when it comes to getting dressed. If you want to wash your must run in the galley for your wash- bag, soap & comb & then into the bedroom for your towel & finally back to the head (bathroom).

Today, & every Saturday, we had what is called Captain's Inspection. It's a super inspection job done by special women or men officers. They arrive in the
building at 9 a.m. + have around tea. During that time the girls in each room line up in the middle of the room at attention. You stand straight ahead at some spot on the wall where they speak to you. In the meantime they're going over the apartment with a fine tooth comb. Today our room didn't have a thing wrong with it, although in the other room, which we don't have anything to do with, had dirt behind the mirror + on top of the Navy locker. They feel better with their gloves, hand, or helene.

You should have seen me Friday night! We scrubbed the floor + washed then, dusted everything including our bed springs, venetian blinds, moldings, in the bathroom where Movie + I put special attention, we scored everything in sight. The important thing was we passed inspection.

Yes, it's also true you can get out of the Navy, that is if you declare your intentions during the first
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this is a wonderful adventure and it's very glamorous or something. Scrubbing and cleaning everywhere helps remove it. But by all means, don't worry. As I said before, we are doing fine. We like it better and better as we go along.

Last Monday when we had our physical, we also received two shots - one for typhoid in the left arm and the other for tetanus in the right. Tomorrow we have two more - I believe both of them for tetanus.

I'm certainly sorry to hear that both of you have colds. What's the matter now that I'm gone - can't look after you, aren't you able to keep well? I'll have to ask the Navy for a release.

By now I'm feeling all right after my siege with pneumonia. For several days after I had no appetite at all and even the smell of food nauseated me. Now I've started to develop an appetite and I hope I don't put on weight, as I'm losing all the time.
After being here a while mine move or less discovered that all the good jobs are taken so you take what's left. Everyone says we would have been sitting pretty if we had joined eight or nine months ago. They plan on closing the school after the class of Dec. 28th goes through.

For example, the Aviation Machinist Mate school is closed, as is Radio school, Limit Service, Mail Club, Aviation Gunnery, Photography, Parachute Riggers, & a lot of others. In other words, we find the field is very limited in choice of schools. It is especially worse if you have had no previous working experience, in which case you may find yourself assigned to some station doing any odd job or position that crops up. I don't think this will happen to me.

The enlistment information is very deceiving to a lot of girls in that it says there are 237 jobs to be done in the Navy. Many girls quit the job they had in order to leave a nurse. Now they find they'll probably be sent to do this same work.
It is now Sunday morning, in fact it has been for two pages.

Last night we heard Jose Iturbi in person. Only ten girls out of our 40 could go, so Marie and I, and our two room-mates were lucky enough to have our names drawn. He played a lot of Chopin, a composition of boogie-woogie that Morton Gould wrote for him, Scherziens, the Fire Dance from the Firebird Suite, and several other selections. He can really pound the keyboard.

Did either of you see "Two Girls and a Sailor" or "The Thirteenth Chair"? He was in both, and in "Two Girls." He and his sister played the Fire Dance on two pianos. Everyone asked for it until he finally played it.

There are no laundry facilities available to us so we do our own. I've been able to keep up with that, but I've sort of fallen behind in my evening.
Somehow we are fitted for our uniforms. It will be the first one for me, but the second for the others. I missed my first one when I was sick, so I may be a few days late getting into uniform. Even so the others won't be in their blues until Saturday.

Yesterday morning our whole company attended a regimental review. We were just spectators but next Fall we will be part of the show. It was certainly impressive with 2300 girls in the uniforms and girls with flowers in groups of 80. They also had two bands who 'strolled their stuff.' As they went by the reviewing stand they all 'eyes right.' Now review I will be on the army outside line going by the stand. I won't get to see the 'big shot.' Cause I keep my head straight while the others turn.

Can you get cigarettes? If you want me to I can send you some cartons of Camels, Chesterfields, etc.

Yesterday at the soda fountain we waited in
line for 15 min. for a sundae. Just as we got in the door they informed us they were closing because everything was in such a mess. Honestly, we all felt like crying. That's another thing we've discovered about the Navy - you wait & wait, usually in line, for everything.

This has turned out to be a book & still it seems like there are hundreds of things to write about. However, I'd better sign off soon.

Since this is what it is, would you see that all the family gets to read it? I think it's still in Madison, so after she & Clay read it, have them send it on to Sandy.

In the future I hope I'll be able to write to all of them individually, but in the meantime, they can invite me, too.

I've been curious to know if you've hung up the WAVE service star flag they gave me. They got quite a kick out of having two stars at work now.
Thanks loads for the airmail stamps. I'm afraid I may have to put two of them on this.

This afternoon we are all going to see lower Gardens in "Mrs. Parkington." Can you imagine, its compulsory that we go?

Although it didn't seem real to us being copied up here, not knowing what was going on, the election is over. Thank goodness Roosevelt is in again! Wednesday morning at Mass someone said they'd heard Roosevelt was afoot the night before, but we didn't know for sure until a man walked by reading a paper. He said practically nothing. I'm trying to see the headlines.

How Jeffrey been behaving himself? Tell him for me not to stay out too long or make a bunch of himself.

Put my Company on my address, too. Observed its alot easier for them to sort. 9 to 10. 30.

Will close now. Let's of love to everyone.

P.S. Don't worry about my playing cards. In the New
park place kind very time. Board, yesterday in particular. I know we don't care.