

25 Sept. 1943

Saturday

1015 o'clock

Dear Bryant Students:

I have been in the service now for 4 weeks and I must admit that they have been the most interesting and toughest weeks of my life. I can only recall one week at Bryant which was just as tough as this training, and that was the week of examinations. Truly an unforgettable week.

I am in the United States Naval Service. The job of the Construction Battalion (C. B's) is to build advanced bases in enemy territory and to protect the base from enemy traps until the allied forces arrive.

This branch has grown overnight. From an unknown outfit, it has received praise from the Army Generals and Marine fighters. There

are scattered in and on every battle front at the present time. On lands, of which I cannot recenal, that will shortly become fighting fronts. For anyone who wants to fight and build, the Scudder is the outfit for them.

Camp Perry is far from pleasant, but considering what I am going to get shortly, this is paradise.

I miss Bryant, as you will, when you leave. I'm sure you will not readily forget your days at Bryant. For the fellows there, make the most of that education you are getting cause it means a lot when you get into the service. Because of my education at Bryant I will be given the opportunity to attend Gorman's school.

I do not expect to remain in the U.S. H. long, but I do expect to be up to see Bryant.



before I leave.

I am almost completed boat  
trainings. In one day, I will no  
longer be called a "boat."

As any time in the Navy is  
not yours, I must close this letter,  
and get ready for another walk.  
To be exact 10 miles.

Lots of luck and best wishes.

Sincerely  
James J. LaRossa S<sup>7</sup>C