



U. S. NAVAL MIDSHIPMEN'S SCHOOL

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Sunday Afternoon

Dear Mother,

One more week of classes is over, and we finish the first academic term at the end of this week. Final examinations on all we've had so far come up on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. I don't think they'll be too bad.

I found some news in The Chicago Tribune about some soldiers arriving in England. I thought maybe Thomas might have been in the bunch, and am enclosing it in this letter in case you might enjoy seeing it.

Thank you for sending the news about Wake Forest beating State in football. I hadn't heard about the game, and I was really tickled that we won by such a big score. I noticed in the paper this morning that we defeated Clemson yesterday 41-12. That was good too.





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Last Wednesday was Navy Day, and Chicago celebrated in a big way. We were in a parade which went all over the main city streets of Chicago. 12,000 Navy men were included, and the company I was in was at the head of the parade. There were 150,000 people to see the parade, and they were throwing confetti and paper streamers out from windows. There were 20 Navy bands under the direction of Lt. Comdr. Eddie Peabody. We marched for about 7 miles, but it was really quite exciting. I am sending a picture which came out in the Chicago Herald-American. It shows the company I am in. You can't recognize me, but I've marked where I was. The rest of the parade was behind us for blocks and blocks.





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Last night I went to see "The Chicago Theater of the Air" radio program. Each Saturday night they give a different operetta. This time it was "The Chocolate Soldier". Very good.

Also I saw "So Proudly We Hail" at the movies. It is a story about the nurses on Bataan. I enjoyed it, but you probably would not.

We had a payday Friday and received ten dollars, so I won't need any money for a while. The reason we get so little now is that they save most of it and give it to us in a big lump when we graduate. I guess that most of that, though, will go for uniforms. We'll just have to wait and see.

Hope everybody is well at home.

Love,

Edwin