

Hope to get home before many
more days or weeks.

Sincerely,
"Witt"

A. J. These birds have certainly
harnessed me to the work train.
This is the last time, in the Navy,
that I volunteer the right answers.
It merely leads to more responsibility,
which everyone in the Navy Reserve is
trying to avoid. The theory for this
avoidance is that everyone who displays
too much ability will be declared
indispensable & thereby retained in the
Navy for that much longer. However,
I haven't been in long enough
to have lost my desire to do my job
in a creditable manner. I have
too much selfish ^{manner} pride to perform
my duties in a ^{manner} that would reflect
unfavorably upon me at some later
date. Perhaps I am supposed to
work a little harder than some of
the other officers because of my
relatively short service. Anyway, that
is my philosophy and it provides
a happy solution to my problem when
I begin feeling sorry for myself.

A. J.