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Dear "Doc",

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still fighting 'em in the usual way, and I hope this letter finds the Allen family all O.K.

I just finished my 16<sup>th</sup> week here and it sure has been a grind. I only have six more weeks here and I'll be through studying for the duration, I hope.

Last week I took my six weeks finals. I got through O.K.; I didn't burn things up however. On the basis of 2.5 as passing and 4.0 as tops, I got the following grades: a 3.2 in aptitude, 3.11 in seamanship, 2.99 in ordnance, and a 2.98 in navigation. If my average of the last 6 wks grades and my 2nd 6 wks. grades is over 3.0 I don't have to take the finals. You know that I'll be gunning for a 3.01 anyway.

I can tell from the week that just passed that they are going to throw the material at us with both barrels this 6 wks. I thought they had been all along, but evidently not; nevertheless I hope I can squirm better than a 3.0 out of every-