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Dear Frank:

I am sorry that I have been so long in answering your letter of Sept. 21. However, the delay was due to the fact that I have been trying to get the latest information about the Navy set-up that you wrote about.

Frank, even after my two weeks of 'gleaning' for Navy news, I still do not have anything too definite to tell you. But here is the situation too date:

A class of 125 officers graduated from North Carolina last week. 20 of these men reported aboard yesterday. Their information was this: "There would be no more classes for quite some time." Now the rumor is that they will have a small class in about four or six months. In this man's Navy they might have a class next month--you can never tell. I am just stating the facts as I know them.

In order to get into this program you have to be recommended by Lt. Commander Hamilton. His address--Navy Department, Bureau of Aeronautics, Washington, D. C.

Here is an angle that must be taken into consideration. Should you pass the physical examination required of the flying cadets, should you be under 27 years of age and unmarried--you will not be considered for this program, instead you will become a cadet.

Before my commission in May, I was a chief in the Physical Fitness Program under Commander Tunney. Dr. Allen "came to bat" for me, and was largely instrumental in getting me into the school at Norfolk, Va. I feel confident, Frank, that if you wish to get into Tunney's set-up it can be done. Ensign Jack White who is now doing the recruiting, was a chief back at Norfolk with me so I know I could help you here. I think Mr. White is now on a recruiting tour as I have written him and as yet, have not received any word from him. If you should want to write Ensign White his address is: Navy Department, Bureau of Navigation, Washington, D. C. § Comdr. Tunney. They have to have an interview with every one they take--so I would suggest when you write ask when you could get an interview. Please feel free to use my name.

This is all the information I have at this time. If I should hear of anything I will certainly let you know. If there is anything else you want to know don't hesitate to ask me.

Very sincerely yours,

Maurice Cannady