

IN REPLY
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UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION

RICHMOND, FLORIDA

Address:
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station

July 22, 1943

Dear Doc:

Thanks for your last letter and all the swell build up about my newspaper. That one didn't deserve much credit but I believe you will find this 100% better publication. I am the Editor in Chief, News Editor, Headline writer, proofreader, Sports editor, society editor, entertainment editor, feature writer, and copy boy. You might even call me the publisher.

I owe you a letter and a letter of thanks for the recommendation you wrote for me in regards to my commission. Haven't heard a word and I honestly doubt if I ever will. Its a long story about the setup that is to lengthy to write about.

Got a letter from the folks and dad ~~is~~ was layed off with 250 other men at the sunflower ordinance plant. I wrote Mitt, George Hedrick, and Tom Sweeney letter seeing if they couldn't get him back on. I think that dad was on the construction end of the project and their work must have ended and the plant is going into production more and more all the time. Since the contractor has completed most of his work some one had to be layed off. What is the true story?

I didn't want to ask you to do anymore favors for me as I don't want to ride a good horse to death. You probably see how I feel. All the favors you have done for me I couldn't very well ask another one and I want you to know that I certainly appreciate them to no end. I'll have to be in a position to do one for you before I can ever ask another one.

I don't know how dad has come out but have hopes of him landing something before long. Mom said Tom Sweeney was some sort of an executive there and he should be able to do dad some good if he will. I should hear some word from home soon. I haven't heard a word from Mitt either. He might be too busy at the time but he probably will let me know something. So much for that.

From your letter I gather you have a mighty busy schedule training the cadets or those in the V12 program. The work you give them should be good for the waistline. I need something like that. Weigh 180 and gaining fast. Have not had to buy new clothes yet, and have no bay window as yet. Just getting fat in other places.

Well ~~OK~~ Doc must close and go to writing on the paper. Let me know what you think of it. Best regards to everyone.

As ever your friend

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