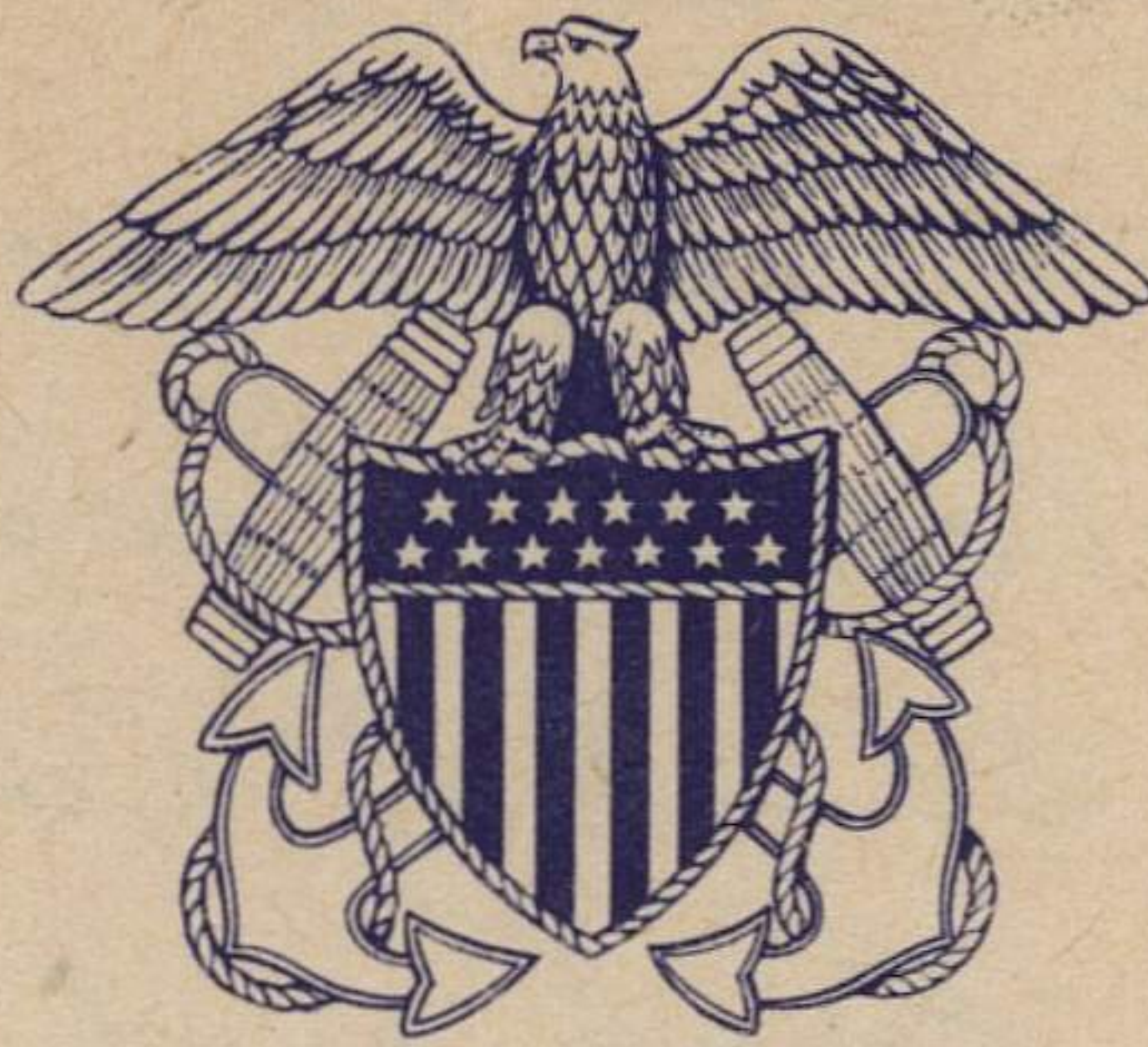




UNITED STATES NAVY

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Dear Dr. Allen,

I've been here a little over a week now and I'm beginning to like it. A bit confusing at first but after one gets used to it it's not bad. Chow is good and I'm hoping to put on a little weight.

After four more weeks of "boot" we go to pre-radio school for 3½ weeks, primary school for 3 months, and secondary school for 7 months. I hope I get to sea a little while at least, but then I also hope the war gets over as quick as possible before more of us get killed. I feel like I'm sort of getting in on the last call. At least the news is all good at present.

I haven't had a chance to do much ~~late~~ extra activity as yet. Intercompany softball, basketball, track, and minor sports start this week and I hope to make one or more of the teams. 35 signed up to play 66 and only 33 to play softball, so your sport takes the lead in this company.

As Radio Technician trainees the fellows in this company are all h.s. graduates and over half have gone to some college for at least one semester. I'm lucky to be with such a swell bunch of fellows, a little above the caliber of the ordinary recruit company in general intelligence and experience.