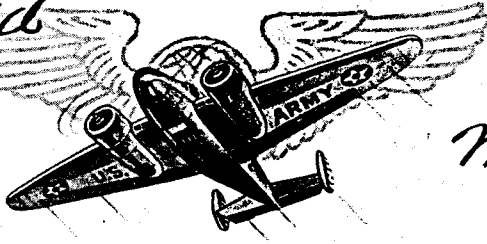


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Dear Is,

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No doubt you probably thought that I had forgotten all about the swell guy I hounded for advice during my college days, but, honestly, I never have - just have been too busy & too lazy to write a letter. At any rate, "better late than never". Sure hope this finds you in the best of health and happy as usual.

I'm now a "veteran" of almost 12 weeks in the army and at present am nearing the end of the Navigators Pre-Flight School here in hot Louisiana. The temperature this "spring" has been ranging between 112° - 116° every day.

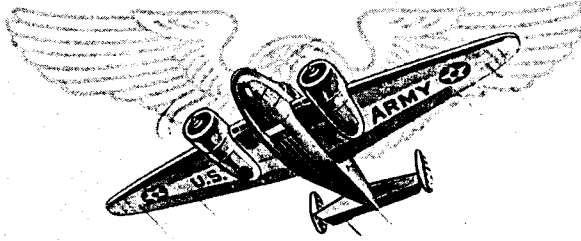
After all kinds of mental, physical and psychological exams at Nashville, the Reception & Classification Center for Cadets, I was sent here to try to become a Navigator.

This field is really swell and I love it - have really enjoyed all my time in the service so far. The food is great - probably better than

you are able to get — the living quarters are excellent and I have a superb tactical officer — a 1st Lieut. He is the only Army man who has any direct control over us — all our other officers are Cadet officers — cadets who have had some military training.

Our program here definitely stresses studying. We have 6 hours a day of classes and have studying to do after supper so we are really busy after we get up at 5:45 until we hit the hay at 10:45. We have 1 hr. of physical training which is plenty tough but which has put me in fine shape and a little drilling some days. We do have quite a few parades in competition with other squadrons.

Our scholastic training is of course very accelerated but covers a vast field. I have Math, Physics, Aircraft Identification (identifying planes at $\frac{1}{5}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$ of a second) Code, Aerial Photography, and Chemical Warfare. I have completed courses in Maps & Charts, Naval Forces and Ground Forces. I have been studying a lot — harder than I did at school — and most of my marks



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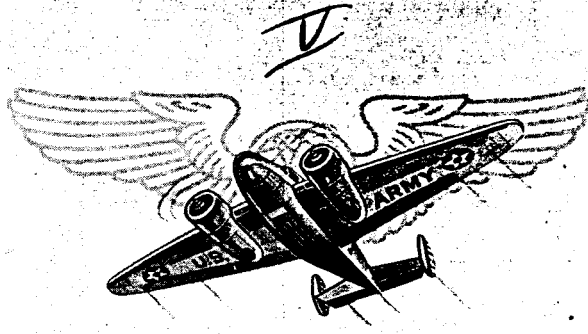
are good - around 90 - altho I am not going to be the Valedictorian by any means.

We have fellows from every walk of life. In my barracks of 14 men we have a patent attorney for Alpha Film Corp. - a Cornell grad, a former traffic manager for a Buffalo Bus Co., a former prize-fighter, a purchasing agent, a song-plugger and several recent college grads who have, like myself, done nothing of note.

After Pre-Flight I believe we are going to Gunnery School in Florida before entering Advanced Navigation School so I'll be in training for at least another 6 months if I don't wash out. Due to a recent Congressional Act we are going to be Flight Officers, not 2nd Lieuts. upon graduation. However, it's the same pay and we wear officers' clothes so it is not too bad.

Have heard that you have been kept very busy with Alpha Delta in their closing stage. Too bad the house had to close at this stage of the game - just when they appeared to be getting all-powerful. It was a great satisfaction to me to hear of the achievements of the house up to the closing, though. We certainly made great advancement since my sophomore year when as Rex, I almost ruined the house. Financially, I remember when we had only a special fund of a little over \$100 for our total assets and no dreams of approaching a membership of near 30 men. Well, we grads will open the house right after the War and it'll be bigger & better than ever.

When you are in the Army you (at least I do) think back a lot to civilian life and for me that includes my college life for most of it. And when I think of college, I have to think of fraternity, not classes. I can truthfully say Pi Lam was the best thing that ever happened to me. Whether or not I was a



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good fraternity man is unmanovered but I did get a lot out of it. The friends I made are precious to me & I can best appreciate many of them now when I write & hear faithfully from a group of them even though we are thousands of miles apart. I hear pretty regularly from some of the parents whom I became very friendly with thru visits, etc. and am really looking forward to a terrific reunion after this affair. You are already on the list as the no. 1 guest and speaker altho you can hardly be termed a guest as you are part of Alpha Delta's history.

Everything is swell at home. My Dad got a better job and is now manager of United Liquors, Corp in Boston - a pretty big whlse co. He is also Vice Pres. of the Mass. Whlse. Bev. Dealers' Association. It is a great break for a great guy as you would agree if you could

meet my Dad.

Your boy must be quite a man by now. How is he doing?

How are my friends among the grads doing? Max Kravitz, Ben Solomon, Morty Esmark, Yok Margolis, etc. Give them my best regards when you see them, will you please?

That's about enough for now, I guess. I'll answer soon if you write, I promise.

Where is Bob Woletz? What is he doing now? Remember the days near our graduation when we had worried consultations with you about going into the service? Well, I made a lucky choice and have never been happier - I hope Bob can say the same.

Thanks for helping the fellows out. I'll see you before too long and if you don't get drunk with me - at my expense for once - I'll never know you again!

Do you have a pretty secretary?
My best regards to you + the Mrs.

Fraternally
Koko