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Hello everybody,

How are you all doing? I hope it's not quite as hot in Virginia as it is here in San Diego but I suppose it's probably pretty close. We run around here in our dungaree uniforms which include tee shirts and long sleeved shirts so you can imagine how warm we get. The temperature in the afternoon usually runs between 85° + 95°, but I've gotten used to running around with all these clothes on. I hope you all are having the opportunity to relax and enjoy the summer.

Yesterday was the big day for us all here in Division 6, graduation + pass in review. This is our liberty weekend but today is my duty day and we have to stay in or near the barracks. I went out last night with some of the guys and had a few beers. They sure tasted good after almost ten weeks. Tomorrow a few of us are going to see Sea World to see the sights there. Monday we wrap things up here, pick up our personal



effects that have been in storage,
pack our bags and Tuesday we leave.
I fly from here up to San Francisco
& then down to Monterey. My classes
don't convene until August 2. The
word is I'll be put on a work detail
until then but I'll see if I can take
some leave and possibly fly home.
More info on that in my next letter.

This boot camp thing has been quite
an experience. There were times when I
wondered if I would make it and
if it was all worth it. Now that it's all
over with I think it's been a worth
while experience. People here say I've
changed a lot but I really can't tell.
You really develop a sense of an ability
to push yourself to the limit physically
& mentally day after day eighteen
hours a day. It makes me feel pretty
good about myself. I really had to push
on Tuesday when we had our final
physical training evaluation. All the
exercises were easy enough but I
hadn't run in three weeks because
of my foot problem and somehow



having to stand watch on every day we had mass PT after that. We had to run 2 1/4 miles in eighteen minutes. I had to really push myself to do that but I made. There was no way I was going to be set back for missing that.

I'll be glad to get out of this town & up to Monterey. Everybody says it is so nice up there and it rains. It's so dry in San Diego. I can't keep enough Chapstick on my lips to keep them from cracking. I'm looking forward to a little greener surroundings. When I get up to Monterey I'm going to see what kind of transportation I can pick up. Since I'll be out here I want to see as much as I can. I'm thinking about getting a camera so I can save some rights on paper. Maybe Dad can suggest a nice, easy to operate but relatively inexpensive camera I can look into.

I'm really sorry I'm not going to be stationed at Ft. Meade but you can't fight the Navy. It wouldn't be so



bad if I hadn't saved the car & told everyone I was coming back. But this will be a nice opportunity for me to see some of the West Coast. Have you had any luck selling the car. I'll be sending more money home after I get to Monterey and meet my initial expenses there whatever they may be. (hopefully not much). I'm wishing Reid a happy birthday just in case I'm not in touch again before the 3th. I'll probably call. Please send me Julie's address so I can write her. Do you ever hear from her? How is she? I guess that's all I've got to say right now so you all take care and I'll be in touch after I get to Monterey. The first few days will probably be busy so if I'm not in touch that will be why. Have a good 4th of July. We've got liberty all day so maybe I'll go to the beach. Give my love to everybody.

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