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16 June 1944

Dear Mr Bonney:

I received the "Junior College News" the other day and as always, was pleased to get it.

Since our last chat at PSC I have done quite a lot of traveling - to Tenn, Fla; California and then back East to the Naval Air Station at Atlanta, Georgia. I stayed there for six months and was then transferred to Midshipman School at Notre Dame University. I received my Commission as Ensign on May 31st. While I was in Atlanta I took a semester of Algebra at Georgia Evening College. The Course at Notre Dame was rather stiff for me but I made it. It sure would have helped a lot if I had taken a little Geometry and "trig" in College. At present I am attending Communications School here at Camp Bradford and I like it very much

Mr. Bonney, I certainly appreciated the nice letter you wrote for me to submit with my application for a Commission.

I notice from the PSC news that Philip Towle is having the same trouble I had in applying for a Commission. I went before one Selection Board and was approved but ~~due~~ to transfer to another station I had to go before another Board and you can see that it took over a year from the time I applied and was finally Commissioned.

My classes run from 8:00 until 5:00 and again from 7:00 until 8:00 at night so I don't have too much spare time.

My best regards to you.

Sincerely,

Ensign J. G. Derrill USNR
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