

June 8, 1943

Dear ones,

a hot a washout - 72 men - a record both in number and in percentage in the history of the 5 classes at Ordnance PCS. We lost 9 from us (parachute), 14 left from the platoon. There are plenty of empty seats around me. Most of the washouts from my point of view - were justified, of those I know they were one or two whom I thought got somewhat bad deals in that they were better than many of the men who did not wash. But it is hard to judge, a lot depends on the break. We are now in our 6th week with 7 1/2 weeks to go, and all is well.

I answered Uncle David as soon as I received his letter yesterday. in view of the poor outgoing service from here. He won't hear from me until Sunday. By that time I will know if I am to get off the boat - the man with whom I swapped pass permixins was relieved from the class. I may have a little trouble proving my case for a pass this weekend. All try hard since then. Uncle David will have to come out here to Aberdeen if we are to see each other before the weekend after next. Of course, I could be kept in on gips but I doubt it - in 5 1/2 weeks I've had only 2.

You can imagine that this washout business had knocked the last week rather cock-eyed and that today will be a day of readjustment, squads have to be reformed and the duty roster changed - I undoubtedly will still get latrine detail with amazing regularity, however.

I received a great batch of mail and refreshment yesterday. Thank you and the Boston branch of the family.

There is very little special news. The course continues, the
two courses this first week are decidedly inferior to the first
four weeks' courses, more poorly taught and planned.

Jim is a hurry,

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