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Thursday afternoon

April 22, 1943

Dear Bernice,

I just finished a whiz of a physics test on the work that we Miami boys weren't even here to have. I think I got by alright though.

Mother put forth a whole bunch of questions in her last letter and so I'll spend most of this letter trying to answer them.

First of all comes the most distasteful answer of all. I will have absolutely no furlough or stop over time anywhere or at anytime for at least a year unless there is some vital emergency. That reminds me of the latest news on training. I think that our group will either just be the last to go to three months of pre-flight or else be the first to go direct to primary as they are arranging it so that these college courses will take the place of pre-flight. I hope I get pre-flight though (1) for better background (2) because here we are not getting aviation math, physics, meteorology or navigation, have too big classes (45) and don't get top instruction (a biology prof and a graduate of '41 teach us physics).

Happy Easter!

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Tell mother that there is a Chi Omega chapter here and a very nice one. I saw it last weekend when they had open house.

Section C-1 is not being trained for anything special. We will be classified when we leave here, at San Antonio, Texas, as either pilots, navigators or bombardiers.

There are thirteen cases of scarlet fever from the library now. We're blaming it on the R.O.T.C boys because the girls dorm just came out of quarantine for it.

I wrote Grandmother Jones "Happy Birthday."

Study troubles are developing. With 750 boys there is not enough room and even then you only get at the most - two hours a night.

Fifty of the 83 boys who came from Miami with me are in our dorm. That includes seven of the nine 629 boys.

Did you get my package? Send me a Blue Rocks schedule. When does the special Echo come out? No one has said much about the C.D. anymore. Aren't you getting blackouts? I never get to hear any news here. (I did get to here [sic] Roosevelt. It was quite a shock to learn he was in Mexico.) Could you send me weekly summaries of sports and news from the Sunday Times and Saturday Journal?

Love,

Lee