



Naval Training School
Cornell U.
Ithaca, N. Y.
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Dear "Doc":

I received your News letter No. 5 and was happy to be brought so close again to the memory of State College. Before I go off on another tangent please let me inform you that this is my last week here and to send my next News letter % 3680 Indiana St., San Diego, Calif. This is my parents address. They, in turn, will forward any correspondence until I have my next residence established.

Well, so much for that. Perhaps you're wondering just what I'm doing, tucked away up in the Finger Lakes region of Western N. York? Actually, I'm attending an indoctrination school at Cornell U. During a period of 8 weeks the Navy tries to make gentlemen, officers and tarzans out of us. The day here is long (5:45 A.M. till 10 P.M., with no leave except 30 hours from Sat. noon until Sunday morn at 7:30 P.M.) but you never have to worry about what to do! One little item that has strongly impressed me is the fact that we do as much marching as any soldier I ever knew. For example: One of the boys in our company has a pedometer which registers the mileage he walks. (and includes all of us)
Through the first month he averaged 10 miles per day or 240 miles for August.



We have ~~have~~ ^{several} distinguished personalities among which is a very nice lad. Perhaps you've heard of Orin Tucker, the bandman who made "Oh Johnny" etc, ^{popular} ~~famous~~. He is a Lt (j.g). My roommate is a vice-president of one of the 3 largest lumber companies in the country. He gave up a job that paid ^{\$}35,000 per year to answer the country's call. He is a lieut., married, 2 children, 36 yrs. old.

I have had many interesting experiences and feel in top condition. Before leaving San Diego I weighed 175. Friday, weighing in after a workout, I tipped the scales at 162.

My wife has been with me ~~all~~ ^{all} the time. Due to rigid rules keeping me in my dormitory she has had to live in an apt. in Ithaca, only about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away.

In closing, let me thank you again for placing me on your mailing list. Also please give my regards to Dr. Hepner & his wife. Until we meet again,

Smooth Sailing,

Joseph Cooper

Ensign, U.S.N.R.

P.S. As S.D. State man who just came in: Ens. DAN Stowley.