

TURNER FIELD, GEORGIA

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Dear Miss McGlynn;

Thanks loads for your letter and also for that card from N. N. - I did remember those girls - very good working acquaintances of mine - regular fellows too! -

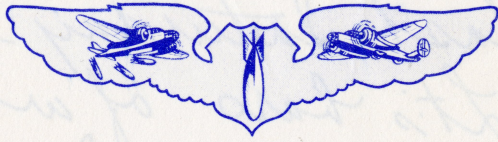
First of all I want to tell you I am really sorry for not writing sooner but gosh you are so understanding about how busy I am being kept, that an apology is hardly necessary -

By the time this reaches Beverly, I shall be started on my last 6 weeks - all the hard work is past and now all that remains is possibly one or 2 new things but mostly review and constant application of what I have learnt - or should I say what I've tried to learn

If I pass the next 3 weeks  
then I shall be sure of  
graduating. ~~This~~ The exam I  
have tomorrow is a 7 hour  
affair that would put any  
Teachers' College exam look  
like a quiz. All of it deals  
with arithmetical computation  
using tables and more tables -

It really is funny - you enter  
one table with a latitude or  
longitude and by manipulation  
of various factors you can  
come out with a course and  
distance to a certain place -

To be more specific lately  
we have been studying Great  
Circle flying, which incidentally  
is the shortest way from any  
2 places over 1000 miles apart  
despite the fact that it is  
a curved line - In computing  
a Gt. Circle Course & distance  
you use a gout. form filling  
in blanks with correct figures.



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from one set of tables - It is really amazing at the accuracy you attain and must maintain -

at present however I am at that stage in the game where I have to add  $6+7$  about 3 times to make sure I get the correct answer - If you make a mistake as simple as that it will throw

4 or 5 pages of work out completely - Hence that gives you a brief idea of what the real situation is -

Navigation in itself is not hard, nor complicated - It just requires time, thought and practice which the Army gives one very little time for -

I don't remember whether you ever met my brother Bob or not - He graduated from B.C. in May and was immediately called into the Marines where he

had taken a course last summer  
Well last Saturday he received  
his 2nd Lt's bars of which I  
am quite proud - I guess more so  
than he is - At present he is  
and will be stationed at Quantico  
Virginia for about 10 more weeks -

It's funny - we have been trying  
to get together for about 2 months  
but both of us are so busy  
we can't make arrangements - Perhaps  
now that he is an officer things  
may be more favorable -

My mother & my Aunt  
are to spend this weekend in  
Washington with him and are  
then continuing on to Georgia to  
visit me sometime next week -

I guess I shall sign off  
now - I imagine this letter has  
been rather boring but I've tried  
to give you a brief idea of my  
course as it now exists - I sincerely  
hope I shall make the grade -

Thanks again for writing - remember  
me to your mother and Andrew's wife.  
Sincerely,  
Jimmy Attridge