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Dear Miss McGlynn,

Thanks loads for your letter and also for that card from N.H.- 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.

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If I pass the next 3 weeks then I shall be sure of graduating - 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 - So computing a Great Circle Course and distance you use a govt. form filling in blank 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 the 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 completed - 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. [Boston College] in May and was immediately called into the Marines where he

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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 and 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 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,
Jimmie Attridge