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Tuesday 14th.

Dear John:

Well what a surprise to receive your card and learn that you were in the Navy - I began making plans right away in case you are sent up around these parts and the chances are pretty good. Rena Bell could make us a visit and it would work out fine. I realize the Navy isn't very considerate about these things but it doesn't hurt to plan.

Buddy is in Greensboro N.C. and is completing his basic training there and is anxious to get to the real business of flying. His five months of College training will be shortened to three months so I am afraid that will end all too soon.

how I wish I could be down home when you have your furlough - Uncle Jack will just about bust all his buttons when he sees you in uniform - I would have to retrieve a few myself. I probably would be a nuisance recalling how I used to read Donald Duck to you which is certainly out of order around a Petty Officer of the U.S. Navy. You are safe - the chances of my being able to be there are very remote but how I would love it.

Jean talks about you + Rena Bell and how much she enjoyed seeing you even for the short time she had. She is continuing her college - going nights and working towards her degree. The house seems eternally different without Buddy + needless to say we miss him terribly. His friends have made a valiant effort to help me not to be lonesome - calling on phone - bringing me candy etc - but it only emphasizes his absence - His best girl was home in Japan and attends Radcliffe College - Her father is a Colonel in North Africa. Let me know Rena Bell's address. Let me give my love to all and I'll write while you are home

Much love
Cynthia