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Dear Folli,

A letter I almost
finished two days ago seems
to have got lost, so here's
another.

Certainly Ham should be
able to get a very respectable
job in the aviation industry -
not only, come to think of
it, a better bet ^{for him} than a job
in uniform, but a place
~~where~~ he perhaps should
have occupied years ago. If
only he had engineering
experience, which would
get one the best ^{sort of} job or at

least the most interesting,
it seems to me. I suppose
H. and family very likely
won't be getting to Squam
now, but perhaps they'll
still make it. Even if they
don't, however, I'll plan to
see them - in N. Y., either
on the way home or on the
way to active duty. I should,
by the way, be getting my
orders* in two or three weeks,
but the Lord knows what
they'll be. The boys go
in groups to where they
are most needed, so one's
choice of duty proves little,
and I can assure you the
graduates are spread far
and wide.

* orders precede commissions, often by weeks.



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Yesterday I soloed an OS2V sea plane, one of the standard service types the Navy uses, for the first time, and it was much more exciting than my first OS landplane solo. We had a little formation work in the yellow birds and are now doing the same in "Singfishes". Navigation hops out to sea start tomorrow or the next day, and I expect to have my troubles flying the plane on certain courses and figuring for wind changes, etc. Enclosed is a

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rather good picture of
0520. Try to save it
along with the other
showing the "hundreds of
fighter planes" (Sterman
primary trainer) and our
catapult.

I finally got another
day off last Sunday and
again spent the night before
on what was left of it
at the Reidi. We were
celebrating Phil Field's
graduation, which came
last Tuesday. A 2nd Lieut.
in the Marines, he goes West
for transport training after
PBV is here, but I prefer
our sea planes now. I'll



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would, I admit, be exciting to take over the controls of a ship like the "Mae", but even a P boat handler like a truck they say. Before I forget it, the day off was spent in a most leisurely fashion - mostly on or about the beach with the land lady's daughter to entertain me! The ocean is still quite refreshingly cool, which is a pleasant contrast to our swimming pools here. There have succumbed to the inland heat. This has frankly

been pretty bad. Most⁵
days now average over 90°F.
during most of the daylight
hours, and at night it goes
down only to the high
seventies or even a flat 80.
All this wouldn't be so
bad except for the humidity,
which makes one sweat
profusely a great deal of
the time. Just the same
I intend to give Miss
Rawlings a try. One of
her titles I confused with
"The Moon and Sixpence" -
a rather dreary Mangham.

Not much over a month
more may be. Is Squam still
there?
Love to all
Toots