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Dearest Folks,

It is Monday evening and I shall now try and get a letter off in your direction. The instructors at school seem to have forgotten about giving us home work. I don't mind tho and I don't think any of the other fellas mind either. By the time this gets to you another week will almost be over, leaving only 3 more to go. The strain is beginning to tell also, for a lot of the fellas are getting quite edgy. They are really a swell bunch of fellas on the whole tho, and we get along good together.

This weekend was one of my red letter ones. I received a telegram from Gene Thursday, and Sat at 1:30 I left for Wash. Ordinarily it takes 4 hours to go down to Wash from here, but we were delayed 2 1/2 hours out side of Baltimore, so I did not get there until about 8:15. I went Gene at the information desk, and we struck right out looking for a hotel room. After trying about 6 hotels we were lucky in finding one, and got a really nice room with shower. We cleaned up a little & then went out and had supper. We then went back to the hotel and talked until about 12:30. We rose about 8:45 and then put the call thru to you. I was thrilled when I called the week before but was even more so when Gene & I called together. We spent the rest



of the morning looking over Wash. until 12:00
when we ate and I just make the 1:00 train back
for N.Y. It was a week and that I shall long
remember for not only did it give me a chance to see
some of Wash. but even more so to be with Beane
again. I wonder where we will meet again. It
may work out that if I get stationed on the west
coast I shall see him again. I got back here about
5:30 and after chow I studied for about 2 1/2 hours
and then hit the sack.

While we were in Wash. it snowed. It was
really swell. When I came back to N.Y. I found that
it had snowed here also. There is still some left
but by now it has become dirty and not very good to
look at.

I am going to try and get up to Am. museum
next week end. From what the fellows say it is
all right.

I had better sign off now and get some rest. I shall
write soon and send some pictures I took while in Wash.
Hope they turn out OK. Goodnight now
lots of love
Jim