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UNITED STATES NAVY

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My dear Delta Sigma Nu Sorority Girls:

Much thought and consideration was given to writing you a letter and have it there for you at the opening of college, but you see with my many Navy duties I really forgot that college life existed.

And just in passing I must say I guess it is just as well I not dwell too long on the thought of college. Because I must admit I am going to miss it - and you girls. Yes, I am doing my duty - as part of the Navy. But one cannot forget some of the enjoyable memories of these last few years, and being with you as your Adviser was surely one of them. But, I must say - I am looking forward to some day returning and feel that we cannot - all enjoy life as it should be, with its bright

(This is Navy way - in turning the paper)

future and happiness ahead for all.
It would be much more enjoyable
could I gather with you and tell
you of all the interesting experiences
I have enjoyed since I last met
with you. Somehow Uncle Sam has
different ideas and we have "leave"
only according to "Navy Reg" (Regulations)
So I must be on active duty - for
at least six months before I can
request for a "leave", very military you
see. My active duty started the day
I was commissioned on July 27th - so
you can figure, at least attempt it,
as we say - because occasionally a
new order comes from BuPers. (Bureau
of Personnel) which changes the above,
so one really never knows just what
to expect in the Navy, which is one of
the things they tell us when we
enter the service. But it is all
very interesting as I mentioned
before and experiences which
only the Navy can supply.
So much for Navy - at this
point I'll come back to it
again, with more real details.



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Now to talk about you girls and to start asking questions. How many of you are back at college, and what did you do for an interesting summer? Did you have your tea on registration day? What are your plans for rushing? Of course, one of the interesting points, do you have some nice girls for rushing? Have you decided on an advisor to work with you? Today I received my M.E.A. Jr. and noted the date for the Teachers meeting. Time has passed so rapidly down here I had really forgotten College had opened and never realized the meeting was at hand. Were many of the Alumni back? I thought of your group and wishing I might be with you - to tell you more of my work. Our weather has been very warm, especially during the day, a bit cooler nights the last week

or so.

In two weeks October 24, comes the big Orange Bowl Pageant. The Waves will take part, not just sure what part they will play in it, as we are having a big meeting tomorrow when all plans will be made. I'll remember to send you - a paper with the pictures and write ups in. Are any of the boys from Northern stationed here in Miami or near by? I about forgot to tell you that I have my car here with me. When I received my orders - they gave me permission to go by Michigan, pick up my car and drive to Florida. The only bad thing about it - was that I had to drive all alone. I left Falamos on Friday morning, arrived at my Cousins on Lakelworth Monday afternoon about 2 P.M. I spent the night with them and came on to Miami Tuesday forenoon, as I was supposed to report to the Commandant of the Seventh Naval District and Gulf Sea Frontier by 11:30 A.M. or at 1330 Navy time or 1:30 P.M.

My dear Sorority girls I wish you the best of luck this year and I'll be anxiously waiting for letters from you. My best wishes for each one of you.

Sincerely,
Marian H. Ayres.