

I manage to fly occasionally--have a little deal cooked up so that I get some solo time in a light ship and can go for a hop in one of the large babies about any hour of the day or night, but that advanced stuff is really too monotonous. Another fellow and I flew up to Texarcana the other day--about a 1200 mile trip both ways and it was so monotonous that I vowed never again unless I was headed some where on business or leave.

I really was amazed to learn that Jim had received permission and also that he had passed the physical. He will really make a fine Chaplain and no mistake. I often think what a wow of a chaplain MCElliott would make -- I' doubt not but he would convert every Wave and Nurse in the Corps.

If any of your boys are worried about entering the service--you can quote me as saying that it isn't nearly as bad as the anticipation. The Navy has certainly treated me squarely and well.

My regards to our mutual friends again--you may omit Straney this trip, we will get him the next. Tell June thanks for the note and to cheer up because these 17 year olds will still be young enough by the time the whole mess is over.

Give my respects to the Archbishop.

Say a prayer and God Bless you,

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PS I will take care of the Masses for Ehl, McNamara (?) etc.

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