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Dear Ann

Received a letter from Patricia today and it reminded me that I haven't answered your letter so here goes.

Well, I'm getting a little closer to my goal every day. I am now a "Blue Legger" which means that I am an upper classman and wear a blue name tag.

I completed the Math course with an average of 93% so I can't complain on that. I started Physics yesterday and that is going to be a lot harder. The code instructor put me on eight words a minute today and when I get that mastered he'll put me on something

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ster. To anyone who types, eight words
minute doesn't seem like much but,
oh, when you put that head set on, you
almost go crazy trying to recognize all
the letters and numbers and keep up.

Has Margaret's baby arrived yet?
I don't know why I'm so anxious about
it but I hope she has a little girl
this time. I guess Billy and Frankie
would like to have a little sister
too.

It would be nice if you and the
rest of the gang could go back to
D.Va. with Patricia in the fall. I'm
sure Daddy would be over-joyed to
see all of you. I guess you are his
pet anyway, Anne. It has been years
and years since Marg was home. It
has been a year since I was home and
I'm getting the urge to go back
although I know I won't get a chance

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for several months yet.

I realize how Patricia must feel about not being able to swim because I can't swim very well myself but it's a cinch that she won't learn unless she ~~try~~ tries. I guess I'll have to give her a pep talk.

I really don't have much to say, Anne. Our schedule has been changed and I now have my classes in the morning and drill and P.T. in the afternoon. I'll be able to stay wider awake in classes now but it really gets hot in the afternoon and P.T. right after lunch is going to be a killer.

I go for the 38,000 ft. pressure chamber test today. I contracted a slight head cold the other day and it has me worried a little. I'll let you know how it turns out the next time I write.

I haven't written any letters for a week or so, so tell Patricia I'll answer her letter in a few days. I guess they will be mad as all Hell because I haven't answered her last letter.

That's all, Anne; tell the gang I send my best regards.

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