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Editor, Monthly Service Bulletin,
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Dear Editor,

I want to thank you for sending me the Bulletin each month. I have enjoyed it greatly as it is the best means I have of keeping up with my friends and acquaintances who are also in the service. Please notice the change of address and "keep 'em coming!"

I don't suppose you are very familiar with the life of a wave. First, let me say that we love it! They keep us busy every moment of the day and work us pretty hard, trying to cram into 3 short months all we'll need to know when we leave school to go out on the job,

but we still like it. We "hit the deck" at 0600 and from then 'til taps at 2200 we're on the go. We are in class seven hours a day, drill one hour, and have compulsory study for an hour and a half. The rest of the time we sleep & eat and police our rooms for inspection. Yes, we have the inevitable inspection daily, and Captain's inspection on Saturday.

When we leave here the first part of December, we'll be trained to hold down a yeoman's job and release another man for sea duty. We're supposed to get our third class petty officers' rating, too, but of course you never can tell about the Navy.

The Chow here is really wonderful! at "boot camp" in N.Y. we ate regular

Navy Chow off regular Navy trays,
but here we actually have plates!
We're also fed by the College (Okla.
A + M) not by the Navy.

We have every weekend off from
Saturday noon til ~~2000~~ Sunday.
Stillwater is quite a small town
and there is nothing much to do.
We usually go bicycle or horse-back
riding, or take in a show.

Incidentally, Stillwater is a very
religious town. It has a population
of about 10,000 and there are at least
22 churches here. There's one on almost
every corner and Sunday there is
a continuous stream of people for
blocks after blocks all headed for
church. There is an amazingly
large number of service people
who attend too. Besides the
waves, there are Army and Navy

training units on the campus and they make up a large per cent of the congregations.

Again, let me thank you for the bulletins and wish you the best of success in continuing them.

Sincerely,
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