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Dear Stu;

Sorry that I haven't written in so long but I've been so damn buisyy lately that I just have'nt had enough time.

I was glad to get your letter and hear that you are still kickin. Still got duck fever also I see. I guess when it gets in your blood you just can't get rid of it. I know I never will. I'm hoping to get home in time this year to cash in on a little of that Cisco poaching my self. I don't guess I'll ever forget all the times we've cleaned up on em there. I was just thinking the other day of the time when we demolished your boat and all of our new hunting goodies. That was really bad. I guess it was worth it though. We did, if you'll remember,

kill about three or four mallards. One of which cost you a hip boot full of ice water. Ah, those were the days.

How do you like school by now? I'll bet you're studying a lot harder than you'd planned. Just keep up the studying but don't let it interfere with the inialation of our fine feathered friends. When that happens you'll know you are'nt worth a shit as a duck hunter.

I had planned to buy a new Browning superposed twelve. I even had the money saved and in the bank. I decided to wait until I have more of an opportunity to use it. I still have enough money to get one and I still think how much I would like to own one but this just isn't the time. I think I'll use it to buy a plane ticket straight to Fort Worth, Texas instead.

There isn't much going on around here other than a whole lot of confusion. We've been out to sea for about twenty days out of

the last thirty and it's gettin mighty tiresome
seein' nothing but water, water everywhere.
I guess that's just one of the prices one has
to pay for the privalege of being one of our
countrys' guardians.

Well, I guess I'll go milk a few whales
now. Keep those gun barrels hot and write
soon.

Later for you,

Utley

P.S.

Sleep well tonight, Utley is
in the Navy and he's on your
side.

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