

Comparing

SBD (Douglas

"Dawn Bee") &

SBC (Curtis

"Keldner")

Rather than



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Dear Folke.

By now you should realize that I am not a full lieutenant, especially as one of you ran into a j.g. who had been ^{a j.g.} ~~one~~ for 14 months. He may have made the grade as of May 1, if there was an "all-new" (for j.g. as well as Lt. to Lt. command!). The V of VB stands for heavier-than-air, doubtless a survival of time when lighter-than-air was relatively more important

Then it is now. For Tack
 information a battleship
 is a BB, a carrier a CV (V?)
 (CLV for converted cruiser,
 CVE for small carriers - escort),
 a heavy cruiser (8" gun) CA,
 a light cruiser (6" gun) CL,
 a destroyer DD, etc.

I got the San Diego
 letter all right by the
 way. The cap cover are
 either too big or too small.
 Don't bother to send the
 book on west coast birds
 since I've other better ones
 (Hoffman and Peterson)
 arriving. If it's already sent,
 I can give it to the
 library. Do deposit small



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dividends as they come in.
Pa. I'm still with only
what came out with me,
but still have hopes of the
other stuff arriving soon.

Good for Jack and his
grades. He'll do better in
his studies than I did
and could hardly help
doing better in everything
else too. I see no reason
why he should let anything
like an inferiority complex
stand in his way either.

Well I've been pretty
busy the last few days

surprised by the 2c. It's late so I'll stop now.
More about the squadron and perhaps the country later.

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familiarizing myself in our
new planes, the latest SB2C-
which I hesitated to mention
before. They certainly are
a lot different to fly
than our old SB2D. It's
exercise to maneuver them
they're so big, but they
can really move, both
climbing and in level flight.
They dive like a ton of
bricks, which may mean
somewhat less accurate
bombing than in SB2D's,
but we'll see. At any rate
I don't find myself mourning
for the latter as much as
I expected, and that's
because I've been pleasantly