

Monday
March 1, 1943

Dear Mom and Pop,

Today we took our aptitude tests and arithmetic tests. Later on in our training we will have an interview with an officer. He will have our marks and will tell us what we are capable of doing and what the navy suggest we take up. The tests were easy. I think I got all the math problems correct. I'll let you know later what I'm going to be.

Yesterday we got dressed up in our navy blue uniforms. Every Sunday we will. Boy, I'm really a good looking sailor. Through the week we wear Denim work clothes. I met some boy down here I know from Burlington today. He saw me first. He said he couldn't believe his eyes. I'm the first person from home he's seen and he's been here over a month. I haven't saw Cappy yet and I don't know where to get in touch with him.

How are you and the kids? Write often will you. The best part about navy life is getting letters. It's really a disappointment to gather round the mailman when he comes in and wait until all the names are called and yours isn't. I've only been disappointed once. I've received letters from the Moses, Uncle Bost, Aunt Agnes, some girls from

Burlington, and from Virginia. She sent me her picture and all my mates are trying to get her address.

How about seeing if there's any old boots or goshes down the cellar. All we have is rubbers here and they're as good as nothing at all. If we haven't got them maybe Aunt Agnes has and old pair of Uncle Tom's. Cut them off at the toes and they won't cost as much to send. I hope you didn't send the radio. We have a radio-phonograph combination here now. We listen to it nights after chow. We have our time to ourselves every night after chow now.

I am enclosing some money I don't need. Give Donald his half ^{a buck} and use the rest for the house. Don't forget to write soon.

Love,
Rich

P.S. (Here's the newspaper they give out here and a circular on seaman's insurance. Did I ask you to send wash rags last time? If I didn't send some)

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