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Dear Mom + Pop,

Did you get my card? I got here twelve o'clock Thursday night. This really is a swell place, no kiddin'. It's a lot different than Bainbridge; all grass and paved roads. I never told you but I didn't like it at all in Bainbridge. Everything there is dirty and the dust in the barracks causes you to have a cold all the time.

Here everything is spotless. It's easy to keep myself and my clothes clean. It is cold up here but you don't notice it because it is dry.

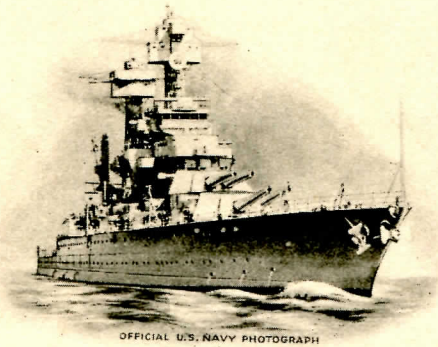
Newport is an island on Narragansett bay. From the window by my table here I can see the bay. It looks neat to see gulls and the waves breaking on the rocks. It makes

me feel like I'm in a naval base and not an army camp.

I start school Monday. The course is seventeen weeks. We really have to learn a lot in those seventeen weeks. I'm really going to have to do some studying. We get liberty here but are not allowed off the island. (It's not really an island because it only has water on three sides but they call it one). The only place we can go is Newport City. From what I hear it is a nice place.

At the end of our training usually leave is given us. If I get leave I probably will be home in September.

Our barracks are O. K. This is an old base but everything looks new. We sleep in our hammocks. De Liso left the O. S. U. yesterday. I don't know where he went. I wish he was here. We sure did have a lot of fun together. I travel around with some guys named Boske, Snow, and Crunk. I like Snow the best because he likes baseball, basketball, and swimming. Him and I have been over



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to the gym a couple of times already. The other two are O. K. but they're the quiet type. I know roots for the Yanks and we argue baseball all the time.

There are quite a few marines and soldiers going to school here, too. Most of them are going to electrician school. We played basketball yesterday and we chose up sides, sailors against the marines. Naturally, we beat them.

Tell Duke he'd better study up on his semaphore and morse code because I will know how to receive 5 or more words a minute when I get out of here and I'm liable to be better than him.

How's the woman making out in school? Is her spelling any worse?

Give my regards to the Maloys, Aunt Carrie, and Aunt Agnes,

I guess I'll close now. I hope you are all  
well. Write as soon as possible. My address is on  
the first page.

Love

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