



U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION
NEWPORT, R. I.

Dear Mom, Pop, + Brats,

Well, I'm back in school again. I had to start over again so I won't be out until October. The last week in the hospital I was waiting to return to duty + had every night liberty. I travelled around with a corpman named Regan who has a car. We spent a lot of time in ^{new} Bedford, Mass. It's a nice town for servicemen about 35 miles from here. Everything is cheaper for us there. Newport is a dip joint. A couple of nights we took some mules bowling. We took them bowling because they can wear civies then. They beat us too. I guess I'll have to practice up.

You don't have to send the Bulletin if you don't want. Just cut out the pictures and send Lynn C. Doyle's column once in awhile. He's the guy who writes the funny column in the sports page.

Don't bother sending the letter. Give it to Duke. What is it a Bulls eye or a regular one? A Bulls eye I guess. Send the certificate though, I did ~~send~~ you get any more pictures taken off. I'd like to see

them.

How's the number racket coming, Pop? I think you could make a fortune writing numbers at this place. You never saw so much gambling in a pool room as you see in our barracks.

I'm in study ~~period~~ period now and my notebook is way ahead of the rest of the guys in here so I'm just writing letters. Mrs Shead wrote & told me that three of my old pals from Burlington are in the navy at Sampson.

Secy of Navy Knox was here this morning & we had a big inspection & parade.

We have a Captain here by the name of Macgruder. He's an old salt & is one of the meanest toughest men in captivity. They call this point on the island here where the cellocks are located "Macgruder's navy". Things are ~~run~~ run his way here & the hell with Washington's orders. Our C.O. told us this. The fellows here sing "Right in Macgruder's face" instead of der Fuhrer's face - I don't think I told you about him before. He's not so bad though. He's tough on us but he argues like hell to

get us special privileges & liberties. Liberties & leaves in the First Naval District have been cut 50% ~~in the~~ ~~First Naval District~~. We're in this district but our liberty hasn't been cut. I guess Macgruder's navy is a district of it's own. The reason for this cut is the transportation problem. I guess I'll close now. I hope you're all well. Write soon & every day if you can.

Lots of love
Rich.

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