

October 2, 1942

Dear Mother,

I arrived In Santa Fe about 6:30 tuesday morning. About 9:00 that night we left Santa Fe on a bus and went to Lamy, about fifteen miles away. There after waiting about an hour, we boarded the train. We rode pulman [sic] that night. I rode in upper thirteen. Ate breakfast on train Wednesday morning. arrived in Denver, Colorado Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 or 3:00. Ate dinner in railroad station. Looked about the town of Denver until about [page 2] 7:00 then we ate supper at railroad station. Left there at 8:00. Another bunch of sailors, about 36, got on the train there. We rode the pulman [sic] again Wednesday night. I was in lower right. We ate breakfast on train thursday morning just after we had left Douglas Wyoming. We ate dinner on train at 12:00 thursday - - still in Wyoming. At supper time we were in Billings, Montana. We ate at railroad station about 6:00. We had a lay over of about five hours and forty minutes there. We took in the town of Billings. Left Billings at 11:40. We slept in same pulman [sic] car as Wednesday [page 3] night. We ate breakfast about 8:30 on train [scribble] (pardon the scribble we just went throught [sic] a tunnel) just after we had left the capital of Montana, Helena. There are lots of rivers, streams, and springs in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. There are also many high mountains there and pretty scenery. Arrived in Camp about 6:00 Friday. Ate supper, took a shower and went to bed. [illegible deletion] got up and ate breakfast at 6:00 Saturday then we took another exam. Then we got our uniforms and moved to our barracks and ate dinner. [page 4] We learned how to pack our sea bags and make our bed. Drilled until 4:00. Then was the first time I had a chance to write you. So far so good. [illegible deletion]

My clothes are coming home by express collect. Our camp is close to a lake that has a 500 mile shoreline. There are many buildings and waters here.

Your son,  
Tom D