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Dear Mother,

By the stationary you can tell where I am. I am in the U.S.O. at Virginia Beach. The guy I am with is making a phone call and then we are going back to the base.

I have been to a show and that is all that I have done in town here. There really isn't very much to do here.

In the morning at seven o'clock I am go [sic] to Dam Neck. It is a refreshing gunnery course I think. We [page 2] are not going to move. We will just go back and forth every day. It will probably only be for about a week and then I do not know exactly what we are going to do.

Today I finished putting in my assignments. I have only started though as I still have to take a two hundred and seventy two [sic] final test on the assignments, get check out in military drill, and on the 21st take a test on petty officer material practical factors and a [sic] all around test. If I study hard I think [page 3] that I will make it all right. I hope so anyway. Yesterday I received a letter from Betty and answered it last night. Today was Sunday so I did not get any mail. Speaking of mail just keep putting the same address on my letters.

The other fellow is about ready to go now so I will close for this time.

Your son,
Tom D