

Purcell, Oklahoma
June 30, 1943

Dear Mother,

Yesterday was test day at school. I made 3.4 on recognition, 4.0 in range estimation, 4.0 in gear stripping. This morning I stripped the 30 cal machine gun in one minute and three seconds. We had a test on theory today which I think I made 3.6 on.

Today was also pay day again. Because the navy ficial [sic] year starts in July we were payed on the 30 the [sic] instead of the 5th. I drew \$39. It being the 30th we also had to muster and listen to "Rocks and Shouts," Articles of the Government of the U.S. Navy. There are 70 of them but the Insign who read them skiped [sic] some of them and he could really read fast so it didn't take so very long.

The reason that I do not get a letter from you every day is that you do not mail all of them at the [page 2] same time of the day; therefore some of them get here about the same time. It makes no difference though I get all of them. One thing I can't figure out is that I have never received any letters which were sent to Norman and then here except ones from you.

I am glad that Jean has gone to work. If she will just stay at it for a while.

How is old captian [sic]? Do you still have him tied up?

I haven't much to say and I am going to write to Aunt Annie so I will close.

Your son,
Tom D