

Norman, Oklahoma  
January 19, 1942

Dear Mother,

I didn't receive any letter from you today but yesterday I got two.

Today I got one from Mr. Saunders. It had been to Farragut, then to Sandiego [sic], then back to Farragut and then here.

Last night of all nights I had a watch. It was suppose [sic] to be four hours but it was on 15 below zero and they knew no one could stand four hours of the cold. The [sic] split the watch up and let us be on two hours and then off two hours and the [illegible]. The dust blew and the snow fell. My eyes would freeze shut. I would pull [illegible deletions] my eye lashes [sic] out when I took the ice off of them.

You have been wondering about me [illegible deletion] getting it [page 2] fixed up so that they would take so much out of my pay and send it home each month. Well it is all settled now. Starting in March each month you will be send [sic] a ~~\$1875~~ \$25.00 war bond. A man came around yesterday he said that was the best way to send money home. You see they only take out the \$18.75. I can still probably save 5 or 10 dollars to send home in cash. Tomorrow is payday. I will get \$50. As soon as I get a change chance I will go to the post office and send some money home for you to put in the bank.

Did you ever find out any more about my insurance. [sic] I haven't been able to talk to the comanding [sic] office here.

This week in school I have related inforfation [sic], naval indoctrination, and two parish [page 3] of shop. We have to make things to the 64th of an inch.

I saw two more of the boys from company 12 here. The first one to come just started to school [sic] yesterday.

All my subjects are here in the naval schools.

Sunday I got a letter from Uncle Lee and one from Jane.

I have to write Mr. Saunders and Jane and shower before taps. I had better study a little first though so I will close.

Your son,  
Tom D.

P.S. Look for the money order or my registered letter. I will send it about thursday [sic] afternoon.