

Camp Ward  
October 12, 1942

Dear Mother,

I have written you two letters since the first one. One air mail one and one free one. I have not written to [Iva Mae] and Uncle Elis yet, but I will. Daddy should get a letter from me today.

My training has not started. I do not know when it is going to start. I am back on K.P. now and do not know when I will get off. The new ship service opened last night but so far they do not have much. For several days we have not been able to buy any candy even. When somebody gets a package they just crowd around him to see what it is.

Send me a couple of needles next time. I can not buy any here. I new [sic] that the 10th was Jean's birthday and that today is Julia's but I can not buy anything for them. I will though [page 2] I have not received Jean's letter. May be that I will receive it today. We have mail call at eleven and four o'clock. There is one hour difference in time here. Is Betty all right. [sic]

There is another boy here named Ellison and one named Allison. Some of the boys that are going in for life saving went swimming yesterday and took their examination.

It's very cold here in the mornings and so foggy that you can hardly see.

I have to quit now to go on K.P. duty. I do not have very much to say anyway.

Your son,  
Tom D