

Camp Ward  
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Dear Daddy,

Mother asked me if I had seen enough water to go swimming in. I haven't seen the lake except when I was on the train. There we crossed it on a bridge for about three miles. Yesterday I went swimming in the pool at the drill hall. It is small but nice and clean. We had to swim 75 yards. That was easy. Then we had to jump off of the 10 foot diving board with our hands folded over our chest. This was to keep our life belt from flying up and choking us if we had to jump off of a ship with one on.

[page 2] Thursday night I went to a picture show. Sunday I get a 9 or a 12 hour liberty. I am going to Spokane, Washington. It will cost a little over two dollars.

I have had two haircuts since I have been here. I have had one pay day of five dollars and we get another one of ten dollars today. They are keeping most of it until we get a leave.

K.P. was over last Sunday and we started training. We drilled for two days for about six hours each. We are learning the Semephore [sic] code.

Yesterday I got a letter from Mother and one from Betty.

How is Julia? Is Uncle Guy and his family well?

Your son,  
Tom D