

U. S. NAVAL TRAINING STATION  
NEWPORT, R. I.

Dear Navy Parents:—

With the arrival of your *son* at this Training Station and his subsequent assignment to Company *80*, you have become part of the Nation's Second Line of Defense, composed of the parents and relatives of the men who serve.

This Second Line of Defense is as important as the Navy itself. With cheerful letters from home to dispel feelings of homesickness sometimes experienced by young men during their early days in the Service, your *son* will receive most benefit from the instruction given during the Training period. It is during this period that our men first receive instruction in the routine of naval discipline which, while not at all arduous, is vastly different from that of home and civil life.

The training which a recruit receives is varied and intensive. It is designed to educate him physically, mentally, and morally for a successful career in his country's service. Character building is fostered and developed—Chaplains of the Protestant and Catholic faith being always available for counsel and advice. Athletics are especially emphasized under expert direction. The health of the recruits is considered of primary importance, a large staff of Medical and Dental Officers being employed continuously in examining and overseeing the physical well-being of the men under training.

During the first three weeks, the recruits undergo a period of quarantine, during which they are permitted no visitors. After this period they are allowed visitors from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m., on Saturdays and Sundays. The recruits are also allowed to visit the city of Newport between ~~12:30~~ *12:30* and 11:00 p. m. on Saturdays and Sundays, ~~except during the one week when they are assigned to guard duty.~~ *after being on the station 3 weeks!* *from 1:00 p. m. to 11:00 p. m. on* *12:30* *P.M.* No man undergoing training is permitted to leave the city limits of Newport. They are required to be "in barracks" after 11:00 p. m.

The Navy maintains many Trade Schools. Each man is given an opportunity to take an examination in order to qualify for entrance to one of these schools. However, should the recruit not make a sufficiently high mark to qualify him for trade school, he will again be afforded the opportunity after he is transferred to sea to qualify for the rating or trade he elects to follow. Consistently good conduct and an earnest application will assure steady advancement in the Navy. Providing the recruit is under 21 years of age on April first of the year he seeks to enter, and qualified scholastically, he may take an examination for entrance into the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

The pay of a recruit is twenty-one dollars per month. This is adequate to cover his immediate needs while in Training. Parents must realize, however, that in event of critical illness in the immediate family or other emergency requiring the presence of a recruit at home, sufficient money should be telegraphed by the parents to defray all travelling expenses. Years of experience in training recruits has shown that their pay is sufficient for their normal needs, and that money in excess of this amount often does more harm than good. It is urgently recommended that parents do not send them spending money.

Each recruit is encouraged to care for present or future responsibilities by applying for government insurance during the first 120 days of his enlistment. After that time he cannot obtain it. This opportunity is renewed at the beginning of each reenlistment, and those who already have insurance may increase the amount so long as the total amount does not exceed \$10,000. This insurance is especially adapted to meet the needs of men in the military and naval service and is the cheapest and best insurance anywhere available. Although recruits are fully advised of the benefits of taking out insurance during the period of training, their youth and inexperience are such that they do not always recognize the benefits of this method of saving and protection; and, therefore, parental advice will greatly aid them in deciding how much insurance to apply for. The Chaplains are always available to give the recruit advice in the matter of his insurance plans and to induce him to look toward his future seriously.

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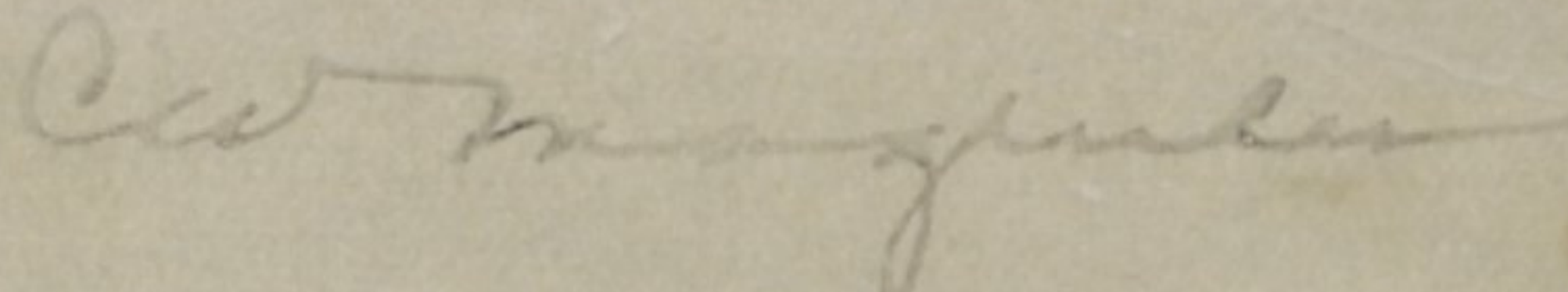


After completion of four months service, the recruit is qualified for advancement to Seaman Second Class. This advancement furnishes him with sufficient additional funds to take care of himself during his early days aboard ship. Advancement in rating, and to the higher pay grades, comes steadily to those who strive hard to succeed, so a man-o'-war's man finds that, except in cases of emergency, he can not only support himself well, but can avail himself of the opportunity to save during his period of service, as well as contributing toward the support of his dependents.

Any further information you may desire will be gladly furnished. Please address:—

The Commanding Officer,  
United States Naval Training Station,  
Newport, Rhode Island

Sincerely yours,



C. W. Magruder,  
Captain, U.S.N.,  
Commanding.

Note: The mailing address of your son is:

Name Walter Lechowicz A.S., U.S.N.

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