



UNITED STATES NAVY

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Dear Mike, Jeanne + Duke:- Many thanks for the swell, newsy letter. Was very sorry to hear Mike had been sick and I'm awfully glad he's on the beam again. And Joby too, he's always full of the devil. I'm writing this before class, we ~~will~~ all had breakfast and are back in barracks, skinning shoes etc until seven A.M. We put on our coveralls and went to the shop yesterday + got in + got grease all over us just like the good old days. I removed + replaced the depth engine and it took the better part of the day. These "tin fish" are really crammed with machinery of one kind or another. The theory isn't so complicated, but the machinery is. Our work on them and in the field will be pretty easy but we have to know them inside and out before we can do it.

Had a liberty Sunday and went to Newport. Such a business. Our allies

are better than this street. The main  
drag has one lane for parked cars and one  
lane for moving cars, its one-way, and very  
crooked. There are three movies, all second  
rate, one good drug store, and all the other  
business houses are small and old, all  
told its a good town to be from. But the  
prize package is the "ships service" (p x to you)  
All the merchandise is behind a wall  
and the Clerk looks out thru a hole in  
said wall, and usually doesn't have  
what you want. Couldn't get any pencil  
leads or shoe polish, had to get them in  
town. Navy stew is still good, and  
plenty of it. Im eating more all the time.  
In town, had a burger, a malt, pie + coffee + was  
still hungry. we aren't working much but  
sure ~~we~~ develop appetites.

I've telegraphed Kaiser Steel about a  
job but no answer as yet. Have to go to  
class now so I'll sign off in a hurry. I'll  
write more later. Take good care of your  
selves and write soon, as ever

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