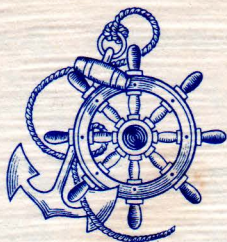


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UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING STATION
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Dear Molly,

I received your letter and am sorry it took me so long to answer you, but I have been pretty busy learning to be a sailor. I hope you received my picture and the pictures I sent you of the station. When I get a liberty I certainly will look up your friends the first chance I get.

Many life is just like anything ^{else} there is nothing you can't get used to. I had 2 haircuts already and 6 shots. Although it is April here it is still march month for us, they really drill us up here. I believe they try to see how much shoe leather they can wear off our shoes. We don't have much time to ourselves as we are kept on the run most of the time, but occasionally we do get a breathing spell, hence my letter to you.

How is everything around the "Y" and vicinity? I guess most of the boys are in the Armed forces and the place must

be pretty bad, but, Mallye, you just
wait till the wax is over and we will
again sell the $\frac{1}{4}$ to the scapto. Give
my regards to Mr. Sollow and Sonny and
everyone around the $\frac{1}{4}$.

Yours of course
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