



[10/2/43]

UNITED STATES NAVY

Dear Mollye,

Received your letter and was very happy to receive it. I am sorry I didn't write sooner, but things have been happening and I have been very busy lately.

As you can see I have been moved about 120 miles further South and I am now only about 20 miles from the Mexican border. I have to pick up on my Spanish and pay Mexico a visit.

Last week-end I really had a big time, you see my cousin who is in the Navy also, pulled into port after being out in the Pacific for 13 months on a battleship, he was at Guadalcanal, Coral Sea, Kiska, Attu and really saw some stiff fighting. My relatives were so happy they could hardly speak.

Anyhow last week-end we went to Hollywood and really painted the town red. We went to Earl Carrolls, Melody Lane for dinner, and we topped it off at the Brown Derby.

I met a fellow down here that I went through boot camp with, we were both in the same company and we were talking about our old

hoot days together. I wish I was a "hoat" again
I really had fun there.

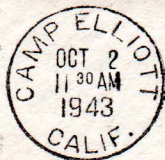
Well Molly, what's new in Wilmington now
anyhow? Is there anything new going on in
the "Y." You know Molly, they even have a beer
joint on the station, we call it the "Stop Shop."
You know up in Corona, you couldn't get any-
thing to drink, the Wanes drank the town dry.

Well I guess I'll end now as I must get ready
to go to a class in Chemical Warfare.

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