



UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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Dear Dad,

I got your letter and two Records today and you said that you can't find any tennis shoes. I can't get any in the ship's store. In fact you can get very little there. When I was a civilian I thought they ^{servicemen} got everything, the best food, the cokes and candy but it was mistakes. The food is awful, you have to wait in line for cokes for a half hour and then they are hot and the same with candy but don't think I'm discouraged, I like the navy well.

We are going to a Pep rally for the base teams 2 hours and are going to get to see them play Miami Naval team Sat.

He needs about a 9 but can wear anything from 8 1/2 to 10.
Every kind of tennis shoes you can find (young) will be OK.

The game should be good. These sailors
here support this team as good as or
better than any high school or college
team.

My chief's name is Wajen and
he is really a good fellow.

I suppose you would like to know
something about what we do in the Navy.

Well here is my day. I get up at 5 A.M.
dress, shave and shower and clean the
barracks and it means clean. Then we
march to church. at 8: we march
to the athletic field. From 8:30
to 9:30 we have calisthenics (exercise)
and then we run the obstacle course.
I find it harder than you think
and several fellows passed out.
Then we march back to the
barracks and clean them up again
and then we go to church. Oh the



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afternoon we drill or go to lectures
or clean up the barracks! which is
more than it seems. at 5:00 we go to
chow and then we clean up the
barracks again and can do anything
we want to until we have to
clean the barracks again and go to
bed at 9:00. Each week the
schedule changes.

We got 2 shots and a Vaccination
today and will get some more later.

I have to wash my clothes
(really clean) and shine my shoes
in the spare time we have.

We press our clothes by rolling them
inside out and they have to really
be rolled tight. I heard how to be
so smooth and tight that you can

run the razor down it without cutting
it. It takes some time to do this
right and they are inspected all
the time and so are the clothes you
have on and the shoes.

This camp is very interesting
because you ~~have~~ see every type
of naval combat, slangs.

It's not as hard as it may
seem because the kids always have
some wisecracks to keep you
laughing so that work seems
like fun.

Several of the boys have passed
out from the shots but so far I
fell okay except for two sore
arms.

That's all for now
Love
Frank