



U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

October 29, 1944

Dear Dad,

Well there's a lot to tell you  
so I guess I will start by  
telling you that we went to  
the pistol range Friday evening  
and then went into the <sup>test</sup> gas  
chamber. We went in first  
with them on and then came out.

We then went in in, put them  
in on the inside and put them  
on, on the inside, I put mine  
on backwards first, but finally  
got it on and then we had to  
take them off on the inside  
and stay there a minute. When  
they let us out everybody  
was laughing and crying at  
the same time. It was really  
funny.

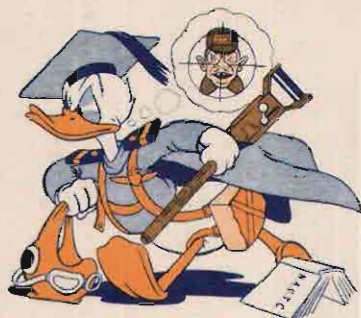
you may wonder how big the base  
is. Well there are about 50-75,000  
here. It's a permanent base and  
sized up fine.

I saw one of the best  
football games of my life  
yesterday N.C. Precept  
noon 14-13. They had a  
lot better team but we had  
more fight and better coaching.

They had Otto Graham <sup>was pro</sup>  
that played guard for the Chicago Bears  
and was really good, Jett  
Kelley, Dulane. We had  
Kit Kittred who played for  
Baylor and was really good.

They also had Spec - Saunders  
of A. U.

I saw where Pine beat  
2 eps 7-0 and am looking forward  
to the complete writers



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yes I got the bundle of Newspapers  
after the ~~agomean~~ chief got  
us base liberty, which means  
that we can go anywhere on the  
base. They usually don't give that  
to you until you've lost 3  
days here. Our chief is  
really a swell guy. He is about  
23. and a college graduate.

I got a letter from grandmama  
Bess and one from Aunt Frances.  
I wrote Joe. E. but I haven't  
heard from him.

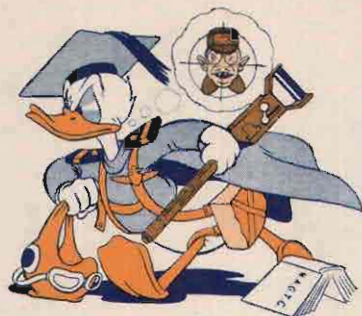
you said you didn't  
know what ordance was, well  
Joe Elmer a 3rd class ordance  
man. ordance men keep the

guns in working order but I am  
pretty sure ~~when~~ to go to  
Radio which is plenty tedious.

I hope to get on a dive  
bomber or Torpedo bomber.  
They told us that it was  
certain we would get assigned  
to an airplane if we passed  
school.

get Murrapian and Fiddling's  
barracks No. and Platoon No.  
for me if you can and I will  
look them up in Memphis.

We really have it easy compared  
to the other "boat" course. Some  
said Lou Deigo was up with you.  
I hope Kenneth gets out before then.  
I went to church again today.



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I went to the church over on  
the main side of the base  
this time, since we have base  
liberty. It was really big.

This letter is pretty sloppy  
but this is a hurry to go to  
the show  
we are getting to sleep later  
now, about 6:45, and we have such  
a good Co. and such a swell chief  
we very seldom do any hard work  
and we get to go to ships service  
and it has everything there and  
really cheap. I may call home  
some Sunday - collect

Love  
Frank