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DEAR FOLKS,

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER YESTERDAY IN WHICH YOU SENT THE CLIPPINGS OF THE NAVY POINT REDUCTIONS AND OF GEN HOLDRIDGES ATTACK ON THE ARMY CASTE SYSTEM. I THINK THAT YOU KNEW ABOUT THE POINT REDUCTIONS BEFORE I DID AND YOU FIGURED IT OUT RIGHT. IF I AM LUCKY AND GET A SHIP SOON AND MAKE GOOD TIME GOING HOME I SHOULD BE HOME BY JUNE 15 MY DISCHARGE DATE OF ELIGIBILITY. I HOPE THAT I DO. SOME OF THE BOYS HAVE GOOD LUCK AND GET A SHIP IN A WEEK OR LESS AND SOME TIMES IT TAKES A MONTH. I HOPE THAT I WILL BE A LUCKY ONE.

I AM IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE GEN. WHO PROPOSES THAT THEY DO AWAY WITH THE CASTE SYSTEM IN THE ARMY, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE NAVY. THE NAVY HAS A MUCH WORSE CASTE SYSTEM THAN THE ARMY COULD EVER CONCEIVE AND I KNOW BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN UNDER BOTH ARMY AND NAVY OFFICERS.

I AM SURE THAT IF THEY DID AWAY WITH THE CASTE SYSTEM THEY WOULDNT HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY COULD WANT IN THE ARMY AND NAVY. MOST OF THE FELLOWS IN THE SERVICE MAKE MORE MONEY IN THE SERVICE THAN THEY DID ON THE OUTSIDE, IN THE LONG RUN. THEY JUST CANT STAND TO BE RESTRICTED AND ABUSED. WE DONT EVEN HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO DEFEND OURSELVES, JUDICALLY. I THINK THAT FOR ANY CRIME COMMITTED WHILE IN THE SERVICE THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED A ~~FELONY~~ FELONY AS A CIVILIAN THEY SHOULD BE TRIED AS CIVILIANS.

I DOUBT IF THEY WILL DO MUCH TO CHANGE IT FOR QUITE AWHILE BECAUSE OF THE ANNAPOLIS AND WEST POINT MEN.

AFTER I GET OUT I HOPE THAT I WONT FORGET ALL THAT I LEARNED IN THE NAVY. I DONT THINK THAT I WILL SOON FORGET THESE SOCIAL MINDED TEA DRINKING LOAFERS THAT THEY CALL OFFICERS. MOST ~~XX~~ OF THE BAD ONES ARE THE ONES WHO ARE REGULAR NAVY OR WHO ~~HAVE~~ COULDNT MAKE A DECENT LIVING AS A CIVILIAN AND ARE TRYING TO GET ALL THEY CAN OUT OF THE NAVY. THATS ALL RIGHT WITH ME BUT WHEN THEY START HURTING OTHER PEOPLE BY DOING SO THATS REALLY BAD. THATS JUST WHAT GOING ON HERE. THEY HAVE A BUNCH OF RESERVE OFFICERS WHO COULDNT MAKE A LIVING ON THE OUTSIDE AND WHO CANT GET INTO THE REGULAR NAVY AND WHO ARE KEEPING MEN HERE AS LONG AS IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO DO SO. THE YOUNGER OFFICERS, ENSIGNS OUT OF V-12 ARNT AS BAD BUT SOME OF THEM THINK THAT THEY KNOW IT ALL. THEY DONT CAUSE ANY TROUBLE HERE HOWEVER BECAUSE NO ONE PAYS ANY ATTENTION TO THEM.

WELL THATS ENOUGH OF MY GRIPING FOR NOW. I HOPE THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD MY TEMPER ~~XX~~ JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER. ----- BOY IM GLAD THAT I WASNT AN OFFICER.

LOVE FROM FRANK.

Frank