

September 14, 1918
San Diego, Cal.
12:00 p.m.
3 Cents

Miss Gainor Roberts
~~210 West 10th Street~~ 145 E. 14th St.
~~Dallas, Texas~~ Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Gainor:

I am enjoying the Navy very much. In the detention camp, nothing to do but drill and wash my white uniforms. We have already survived our first three shots and will get the last one next Monday. I think we will get out of detention next week. I am chief of the compound, and platoon leader in my company. I get to drill 40 men, six hours every day and some time they turn the entire company over to me.

I don't believe that I ever want to see the inside of a detention camp again. There are 36 men in a bunch, and around us there is a hog-wise fence, twenty feet high, and on top of this there is a guard at both ends, day and night so you see a fellow has to be good.

They caught three spys (sic) in the main building the other day and had them on trial last night. Don't know what they did with them.

I think it will be about Christmas before we will get to see active service. There are 775 men moving out next week, but we don't know where they are going, but think they are on their way to Russia! I asked our chief commander why they were giving us so much military training and he said, "They may send us to Russia in the form of the Naval Marines." He said there is as a bunch of our Naval men fighting in Russia today. I only hope they hurry up and send us over because I am sure looking for some real exciting adventures.

There is sure a bunch of Oklahoma boys out here and they are sure a fighting bunch of lads. Have only had the gloves on six times myself. Am not saying anything about the outcome, but am still sticking together.

Tell Auntie I wrote her last week.

Sure had a fine trip back from Dallas. We reached Ardmore at 7:30, but lost an hour changing a tired in the hot sun.

Will close for this time, but don't you dare forget to write when you are not real busy. With love to all.

Sincerely, Bud

US Naval Training Station

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Camp "D" Compound 1
San Diego, Cal.