

view. I have visited the navy yards here and have seen every type of ship afloat I do believe. I have been aboard a carrier and a destroyer after bumping your head in going down the hatchways; you often wish you were a little squirt, but I suppose if I ever meet up with an opponent I'll be thankful, I hope, that I am pretty good sized. By the time I get afloat I hope to weigh 200 lbs. I'm only 4 lbs short now; so you see I haven't far to go.

I went out on the rifle range two days, worked in the "butts" one day and fired the rest. My score was a 110 out of 150 from 200 yds. That's not real good, but it is above average. We see educational movies nearly every morning. One day we visited the different fleet schools in Norfolk, such as: the radar school, torpedo school, mechanics school, and the anti aircraft gunnery school. The most interesting thing to me was to see how nearly everything aboard ship relies on the gyro to do the brainwork. I wish I could tell you some facts, but as you know it would be censored out anyway.

Our average day here includes one hour of exercise and two to three hours of drill except when you go on a field trip or are on watch duty. Right now I am on 7 1/2 hr. watch duty. I am a messenger at headquarters from 12:00 P.M. - 4:00 A.M. and then I am off for 8 hrs, then on for 4 more hrs