



U. S. NAVY

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Dear Doc:

Have a few minutes so thought I'd take pen in hand and scribble off a few lines to you.

From all my observations so far, the Armed Guard duty is going to be mighty fine duty. We have been taking training ships out into the Gulf of Mexico on firing practice, which up to now, constitutes my sea duty. I shouldn't be too eager as there will be plenty of sea duty forthcoming very shortly.

When I report to New Orleans on June 1st I will be assigned a ship or transferred to San Francisco and assigned one there. My duties will be an Armed Guard Commander with a crew of 28 men to man the guns. The Armed Guard Commander is the Navy representative aboard the merchant vessel and is responsible for its defense. The locality of