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Seaside
California
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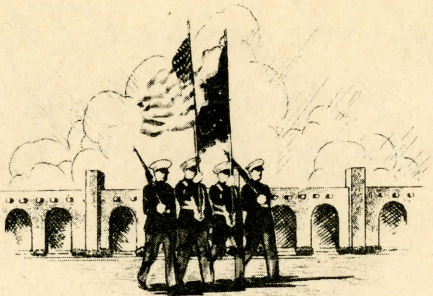
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Dear Mom & Dad,

There has been a long time since I have written and the main reason is because I haven't known my address. I am finally in the engineers after spending three days in the amphibian tank battalion. That was really quite an outfit. They were going to go across in about three weeks, so I am fairly glad I got out of that outfit. By now you probably know that those 10 days are "shot." We just aren't getting them now. Probably about the time I write this to you, they will give me

a jurlaugh. This outfit seems
pretty good. We have well
barracks and everything we want.
We will go to school there for
about eight weeks. Then I
can't know what we will
do.

It is now 20 minutes
until nine and I will tell
you of the wonderful weekend
I spent. I went to L. A. with
a pal whose grandparents live
there. The food was wonderful
and so was the beds. It
made me feel as if I was
home again. Then Sunday
afternoon they took us all
over town. Up into Hollywood
and saw some very pretty
homes. L. A. is really a
swell place. Very beautiful
up there, but the good
dude so forgot this place
when he looked at the
beauty.



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While we were there in the morning, we printed our "green" and field scarfs. They really needed it too. I must have a barracks hat, belt and dress shoes. Expect to get another pair of dress shoes very soon. In the morning we have clothes inspection.

The fellows who are here now are leaving Wednesday for Camp Elliott. They they get final training before leaving the country.

We can get up to L.A. next weekend, I am going to try and get some pictures taken. While we were in L.A. I saw the T. B. C. studio, C. B. S. and the Lux theatre.

The N. B. C. building is really
a beautiful piece of art. It
is alive green and about
1 block long and wide.

Also saw the Sreaman
Chinese Theater, where a
lot of the stars have their
footprints, handprints, and
names in the cement.
Some of them were Rita
Haywood, Charlie M., Jack. B.
Bob H., Jean Harlow Wallace
Berry and hundreds of others.

Listened to the Lib. Indiana
game. Lib. is really a
poor team isn't it? Frisch
is doing alright for Michigan,
also Jack Link, and Johnson.
Guess you saw I made
P.F.C. from the envelope.
Till class now. Say hello
to everyone.

Love
Bill