



SECTION BASE
CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY

At Sea.
Sep, 9, 1942

Dearest Betty

How do you do? As for me I'm as fine as can be under the circumstances. I'd be great if they didn't work me so hard. You see we just got a new man aboard and he has been sea sick ever since we passed the mouth of the harbor. Glad (another fireman) and I have to stand his watch. We are on four (4) hours and off four hours. But I think I'll live.

I'll bet you enjoyed your little vacation, didn't you? You really deserved it too. You have been working too hard lately.

When I wrote you last, I had not received your letter so you can understand some of the things I said. I feel a lot

that habit. = 3 =

I ate something last nite I had never tasted before, Clams! I must have eaten too many, I had one heck of a time going to sleep. Did you ever eat any.

By the way did you go to the football game? ~~Who~~ Who would have liked it but I couldn't go to the game and out on patrol at the same time so I went out. I think football is the best of sports and would have given anything to have been able to take you to see that game but the U S Navy doesn't see things like I do.

Well I'll have to secure for now as I have to go on watch Be real sweet (Stay as sweet as you are) and write a long letter real soon to the Sailor that is continually

Thinking of you
Dale Franklin



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Better now that I have heard from you. You see I thought that maby you had forgotten a certain sailor. I'm glad you didn't, more than you'll ever know.

I suppose you have noticed by the scratches on these pages that the ship is rolling and pitching. Every time she rolls I stick my pin through the paper or try my best.

Tell your mother to save me the drum sticks of that chicken. That's what I used to get home. I was the baby and could have things just the way I wanted them. The Navy broke me of



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