Postmarked July 31, 1951 San Diego

Dear Mom & Dad.

The stories I hear from people who have bee returning from leave and have been thru KC indicate the damage must be incredible. Mayer, the seaman who called me at home (we call him "Willie the Week") was in KC, Kansas on the 13th and could not return from leave on time (sic) so the exec. gave him an extension of five days. He's back and telling stories of the hardships to which he was subjected. So much business property destroyed will hurt the area for years to come, I suppose. It should discourage the building of plants on the Kansas side and give impetus to development of land on the Mo. side of the line. I heard that the Schutte lumber yard was destroyed in the fire and was substantially uninsured. That should make Vic Schutte sick of his bargain—please Louis S. (? I don't understand- PCB)

(I don't understand the next line, or I can't interpret it – PCB 5/31/2025)

Pricles (Naval Personnel) for release at the end of a year's service so thre is a chance I'll be home next month. Sec of the Navy put out a bulletin that volunteer recruits of my category can ask for release but nothing was promised. I've written anyway.

That little article in the San Diego Union was brought to my attention by my Chief Bosin's Mate. I was surprised.

My head cold died of old age last week and I'm feeling good again. I consumed a tremendous amount of Kleenex in the process.

The weather is delightful still, but some complain about heat in the daytime, not knowing what heat really is.

Next weekend I'm going to take a bus tour up to Mount Palomar and see the "Big Eye". I also want to go to the Ensenada, down in Baja California. It's suppose to be beaches. It's where Hopalong Cassidy spends a lot of time, I'm told. Tonight I'm going to see Brigadoon, a musical at the public park.

Take care of yourselves. I'll let you know as soon as I hear from the Bureau about my release.

Love, Jimmy

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