December 31, 1942

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How yo’ all,

Thanks for the tobacco and it certainly will be put to good use in my big “boiler.” My shipmates often caution me, “Don’t let the skipper see that pipe or he’ll make you a fireman and have you heating the barrel.”

“Believe it or not,” the sunny south isn’t all its cracked up to be as we’ve had a couple of heavy fronts and had to get out pea jackets and cotton gloves out of the moth balls. Oh yes, we’re not having as cold weather as you’re experiencing but we’re far from sweltering.

The Xmas season” has not passed unnoticed at this base for we’re pretty
Each barracks was some scene symboje of the season. I'm enclosing a newspaper clipping of the best one selected by the officers and men. It shows Santa in a P.B.Y. dropping leave papers to a bunch of home-sick sailors. We also enjoyed "The Fat Quaker Revue" with Jimmy Durante as an added attraction.

But that's not all for the Hellzapoppin Road show plus boxing, wrestling and basketball rounded out the program.

I enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of a swell family in Jacksonville as did many other fortunate fellows.

Drop me a line and let me know what's what and etc.

Gratefully yours,
Eddie Healey
Star 74
Class of '43.
Yuletide Spirit at Naval Air Station

Sailor Barracks No. 12 captured first prize in the Christmas decoration competition in the Air Station's Aviation Service Schools yesterday as two committees of expert judges canvassed the field.

Awards were based on artistry, effort, and originality, and all of the contestants produced fine displays of the Yuletide spirit.

Judging the winner are, left to right: Lieut. Comdr. R. D. Higgins, commanding officer of the Aviation Service Schools; Mrs. Lucien Y. Dyrenforth, president of the Garden Clubs; Guy Kenimer, general manager of the Florida State Theaters; Lieut. (j.g.) Keith W. Eppert, and Harry T. Lancaster, s/2/c.

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Gratefully yours,

Eddie Healey

Class of '43
The weather today was cloudy and damp.

Your package arrived!!! -- and brought life to this camp.

It's GREAT that we fellows are remembered by you.

We're so far from the home folks -- and at times mighty blue.