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William A. Lyle

Letters of a World War II Sailor

Maryland, Los Angeles, 1943-1945

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A collection of 202 letters from New York City native, Lieutenant William A. Lyle sent to his family in New York between 1943 and 1946 while enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. All letters are near fine with slight age toning and tears from opening. Also included are 4 naval ribbons and matching lieutenant commander pins.

In 1943, William A. Lyle set out to Bainbridge, Maryland where he trained at the U.S. Naval Training Station. The service was apparently good to him and kept him from turmoil at home dealing with an alcoholic brother. In 1944 he wrote his mother; "It's wonderful being down here in the country at Springtime... The birds are chirping just outside my window and that fresh, clean smell is all about." In the same letter he tells her of a new position he has started; "I'm receiving congratulations on my new job which begins tomorrow. It'll take awhile to get in to the barracks but being assistant personal officer is no snaps."

