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Mr. Wellington E. Gordon
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Dear Sir:

Received your letter of the 5th inst. asking me for a little information about my service, and am willing to give the desired information.

On the 12th day of June, 1915 I enlisted at the Naval Base at West Sayville Long Island.

Went up to Pelham Bay Naval Training Sta. into Isolation Camp. after being there for a period of 3 weeks. I was sent over to the 4th Regiment, then into the 3rd Regiment on the 22nd of September. I was sent to the Rifle Range ~~at~~ at Peekskill N. Y. I acquired sharpshooter just as the "Flu" broke out and as I was healthy they wanted Volunteers for Hospital Apprentices

I volunteered as an H.A. instead of becoming an Expert Rifleman.

Then on the 12th of October I came back to Pelham Bay, I caught a cold which developed into the "flu" and finally into Pneumonia I was sent to the Base Hospital at Pelham Bay.

I was discharged from there on Nov 12, 1918. I was sent to the 5th Regiment until January then I was sent to the 9th Regiment. While in these two Regiments I served in a Dispensary as a Hospital Apprentice #2 until Feb. 24. During that time my father was killed so then I put in for my release.

I was sent aboard the U.S.S. Northern Pacific first as a Working Party after being there a month was put in the crew.

Being in the Naval Reserve I was released instead of discharged from the Navy with Honors. Will send my picture in about 2 weeks in that O.K.

Respectfully Yours
Wesley C. Newton