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 SAN DIEGO, CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 357 or 857 Cedar Grove Court
 Louisville Kentucky

Hi Bobbie

How be's you fine I hope. I have got shore duty at the amphibious base.
 Tell the folks hello for me.
 I sure wish you were here with me.

Love
 Jim

J.A. Dale EN3 Postmark July 1, 1951
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 Naval Amphibious Base
 San Diego 55 Calif

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 327 or 857 Cedar Grove Court
 Louisville Kentucky

1 July 1951
 Naval Amphibious Base
 San Diego 55. Calif
 11:10 A.M.

Hi Bobbie

I just got back from church and thought I had better drop you a line since the letter I wrote last Thursday came back. I put a three cent stamp on a air mail envelope. What a stunt to pull.

How is Paul & Lil getting along? Mom writes & says Paul is staying in nowadays.

No news on my getting out yet but I am hoping & praying.

I get mighty lonesome out here. Sometimes I wish I would have stayed home.

You know I haven't touched a drop of alcoholic beverages since I returned & just don't have the desire to any more. I don't know what it is. Maybe I am in love.

I don't remember your address. Is it 327 or 827 Cedar Grove Court???

I hope you have received the card I sent you last Sunday.

You have to Excuse the pencil. My pen just ran out of ink.

How is Frankie? The Little Boy?

Well, Bobbie, until I hear from you and what your address is.

Love

Jim

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark July 3 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

2 July 1951
San Diego 55 Calif

Dear Bobbie

Received your letter this afternoon and was I happy. I don't know of anything that could of cheered me up more.

Woa slow down a bit. Not so many questions I try to answer all of them.

Yes I had one flat not a blow out. It happen just this side of Fort Worth Texas wasn't a blow out. And #2 I did pick up an Hitchhiker just this side of fort worth he came all the way to San Diego with me . it was hotter in new mexico than it was in texas well I hit texas the upper part Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning I was in El Paso. I had to stop in deming new mexico because it was so hot and Thursday morning I was in San Diego around eleven don't say anything to mom but she thinks I got into San Diego Friday night and if she did find out she would raise the roof believe me.

Oh yes I just found out that ninety nine out of a hundred chances I will have to serve until July 4 1952. Woe is me.

Shore duty means I am at a shore station a base it will probably last six months or so then we will probably go on a ship.

Yes Bobbie it would be nice for you to be out here in California as for myself I wish you were out here it would simplify matters a lot.

Yes and if you were out here you you would be complaining about the cold at night. We have to use blankets.

Glad to hear Paul has a job now it will simplify things for mom now also myself. When I got out here I had to put the car I the garage it's going to cost me ninety five dollars to get it out and I had to send home for it.

You getting lazy sleeping until four in the afternoon. Congratulations it takes me almost two weeks to make that much & also congratulations on the pay raise.

Sorry to hear about Lill's tonsils but when they have to go they have to go.

Oh I knew Paul & Lil would break up before I left it was what you would call on the down grade when I was home.

Sorry to hear about Charlotte I hope she is better by now. I say a prayer for her tomorrow.

My spare time is spent studying I and taking a correspondence course thru U.S.A. T.J. in bookkeeping and the fourth of July I will rest, study & write you a letter.

I love you

Jim

P.S. I am being good.

J.A. Dale En3rd S.N.
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COMPLAN SHIP FLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55, CALIF

Postmark July 6, 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky
Air mail

5 July 1951
San Diego Calif
6:30 P.M.

Dear Bobbie.

How one you in my last letter. I said I would write you on the fourth. Well, I am a little late. Sorry but yesterday morning I slept up until noon. Then I ate chow, then went swimming at the Base pool and then got ready and went on the beach, had a couple of High balls and then took in a movie and time I got back to the base it was eleven thirty.

Well, if I don't get transferred in the next month, I will be staying here for another years or until I get out. But still you never know from one day until the next whether we will get transferred or not.

The car is still in the garage. I am trying to get enough money together to get it out. When I do I am going to take a weekend and go up to Los Angeles and take in the sights.

Bobbie, I miss you terribly. I mean it. I wish you were out here with me. What a time we could have.

Boy the Barracks is dead tonight. The one ninety men that sleep in this barracks and now think one only fine including myself.

Two radios in the barracks. One has a ball game on it, the other a murder mystery.

They have a nice chapel here on the base, St. Paul the Sea. ... they have Catholic mass at 0645 and 0900 mass every Sunday morning.

Oh, I didn't tell you if I did get transferred I would go back to Japan. Not much more to say.

Love
Jim

J.A. Dale En3 U.S.N.
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COMPLAN SHIP FLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA

Postmark July 9, 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

8 July 1951
San Diego
4:00 P.M.

Dear Bobbie

Received your letter of the fifth just two minutes ago. I came into the Barracks and someone said I had a letter over at the office. So I rushed right over there and picked it up. That was a few moments ago. The storekeeper was the one. He drove me over in the Jeep and brought me Back and as soon as I read it I picked up my pencil and paper.

I just came back from San Diego. I went over and saw "Apache Drums" and then I met the Boy I work with and we had a few beers together and then we came back to the base. (We ran out of money)

I went to six thirty mass this morning and then chow (steak & eggs) and about nine thirty I went on the Beach.

Bobbie, every time I read one of your letter I get home sick, real home sick. It must be you.

You tell Mary Redempta she will answer to me when & if I get home. What I mean is I probably won't be home until next July when I get discharged. I am hoping & praying that I do. Because it means a extra months pay when I do get out.

Bobbie, I was just wondering if I wanted to call you could I get you at the long distance board at Louisville? I mean if I ask to speak to you at the long distance board, could I?

I have been doing a lot of thinking lately and it concerns you and I. I would tell you now but things are so messed up now out here. In a few more weeks I should know what I am going to do.

I want you to know your letters mean everything in the world to me.

4:45 P.M.

Bobbie, it's getting chow time. So I'll finish this letter after chow.

I just got back from chow. We had meatloaf, potatoes, butter beans, corn on the cob, slaw & butterscotch pudding. Fair right?

Yes. I get mighty lonesome out here. I sure wish you were out here. We could be have a lot of fun.

Bobbie, I'll have to end this letter. With all my love.

All my love

Jim

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

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COMLAN SHIP FLOT 3

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

11 July 1951
San Diego
7:15 P.M.

Hi Bobbie

How are you this fine Wednesday afternoon? All is well on the home front?
I hope your throat is better by now. I have said a few prayers for you.

What are you trying to do, spoil me, all this mail in the last three days. I have received four letters in the last three days. I was lucky to get four every two or three weeks when I was over seas.

It's not too hot out here but boy you get in the sun for five minutes and you blister. Right now my face and the back of my neck feels like a hunk of fried steak.

Oh, I am always a good little boy. Yes, I was surprised to see all those question but what should I expect? I didn't say anything in the card.

No. I pick up three or four pounds last week. I weighed down at the base pool and it was one seventy five & one half lbs. I sure wish I could lose ten or even fifteen more pounds. That was in a swimming suit.

Yes, I still chew my tongue. I think it comes from my teeth. I think I am self conscious about them. That's why I chew my tongue all the time.

They are playing "Too Young" over the radio.

I sure hope your ears & glands are better by now & say some prayers for you.

Well, it's like this when I hit San Diego I was dead on my feet and I put the car in the garage and then got me a hotel rooms and slept for almost twenty four hours straight.

I don't think I'll be home for next July unless I can get home Xmas my chances of driving so one fifty. Fifty right now. When Xmas comes I don't know yet.

No, no, no. When we first went to Japan I had an L.C.V.P. that was attached to the L.S.T. 1123. Then while we were over there I got transferred to Commandshipflot 3

whereas my duty in this Command was an L.C.P.(L) boat engineer which is what I am still doing. And if I get transferred again, it would be to L.S.T. squadron one. What my duties would be is a question.

So, yes, Bobbie, I will be real careful, because I could get Mom in a lot of trouble.

I know what you mean. It feels real good to sleep in some mornings. I have gotten up every morning at six since I have been back.

Yes, it is about time Lillian treated you ...

No, Bobbie, the Navy doesn't send me to school. I am a boat engineer of a Captain's gig. Mostly my days consist of boat runs between different ship in the harbor & keep oil and water in the engine & if something goes wrong with the engine to fix it.

Not bad at all for a girl. This Bert Collins wouldn't have a sister by the name of Gene Collins,,,

Yes, I said your prayers & a few more. Yes, Bobbie, it's all right if you light a vigil candle for me, makes me feel real good to know someone cares that much.

No, they don't have "White Castle" in San Diego. They just have independent drive-ins.

Bobbie, you speak as alcohol was something bad – not until you get too much in you. Then that is when it is bad.

I believe I told you about Inchon how they had us running twenty hours a day. Well, when we would come in at one & two o'clock in the morning, we would would get a glass of orange juice and go get the pharmacist mate up & he would put some one hundred and ninety proof in the juice & it would knock us out almost.

No, I wrote the letter & yes I was believing I was thinking about it but I changed my mind. I want out & the sooner the better.

I answer the rest of your questions in my next letter. Please forgive me for cutting this one short. But it's almost time for taps.

All my love

Jim

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA

Postmark July 13, 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville, Kentucky

Air Mail

12 July 1951

Dear Bobbie

Just got back from the movie and thought I had better write you a letter, because I am a letter and a half behind you now. You are try to spoil me? I will be if you keep this up.

Well, if you were out here, that brings up a question which I cannot ask or cannot answer, but I will try an answer your question. Maybe we would go to the county fair and to a dance at the Enlisted Men's Club here on the base here an to the races down a Ti Juanno Mexico. It would all depend on the day and what was doing around here.

Yes, I would pull a seventy two when I go to Los Angeles. There is a buddie of mine that is going with me. He knows a few people over there and am planning to go up next weekend, not this one coming but the next.

Who is Myrtle???????? The Colonels must be having a run of bad luck.

Yes, the 9th was my anniversary for being in the Navy three years & if it wasn't for uncle Joe Stalin I would be home now. But as it is I still have three hundred & sixty days to go.

Oh, yes, I received your letter that was post marked the eleventh this afternoon.

Bobbie, if you wanted to get in touch with me, you could call Naval Amphibious Base San Diego Calif and ask for Extension 425 and if you call, let's see. There is two hours difference between home. So it would have to be after six thirty your time on week days and three o'clock on Saturdays your time any time Sundays after eleven thirty because I probably be at nine o'clock mass Sunday morning.

Bobbie, it would be more than a couple of weeks, possibly a couple of months, maybe a little longer before I tell you what is going on in my mind. But you could almost guess what it is. But the position I am in now, I couldn't if things shape up.

Is that name KILLIR or KELLER?

I haven't been doing much except working, eating & sleeping & last but not least writing letters to my favorite.

My working day up at six, wash up and go to chow at seven. Eight we fall in for muster. Eight fifteen we start working. Mostly my duties consists of shining brass & checking the boat engine in the morning. 12 – chow, turn to paint, shine brass work an just swab the deck. Ask John. He should know. So this C.C.P.(L) is a captain's gig. Ask John. He will tell you what that is. It's all most time for taps so

Lots of Love
Jim

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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark July 14

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

13 July 1951
San Diego
359 Days to go

Dear Bobbie

Received your letter of the twelveth this afternoon. What are you trying to do, snow me with mail. Don't worry. I love it. Believe me.

Yes, we have been having quite a lot of watermelon and it's all been going That's swell having your dad meet you after work. Then I won't have to worry.

(HA)

No, I didn't know your dad, but I plan on getting to know him. Sometime in the future.

This is one consoling thought. Monday is Pay day. Oh happy day. But it all goes on the car.

That was a nice dream. Yes, that is just like a mother to laugh at a dream.

It probably won't be like that at all. I'll probably sneak up on you.

Bobbie, about calling you Sunday. I have to reverse the charges and then mail you a money order sometime next week, because right now if it cost a nickel to dial I couldn't even get sick.

Remember opening mail, I never forget it. It was one of the best times I had when I was home & just wish we could do it every week for the next fifty years or so. Yes, I would like to go with you to the show with you tonight. But under the circumstances I think we should wait for almost a years.

Has John a job yet. That's one thing I hate to see is a wife working. But sometimes it almost necessary just making her work those hours.

Bobbie, my buddies are getting together two dollars so we'll go over and drink a few beers. I continue this tomorrow.

Love,
Jim
S.W.A.K.

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COMLANSHIP FLOT3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark July 15

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

14 July 1951
San Diego
358 More Days

Dear Bobbie

Just got back from the movie, thought I had better say hello. I went swimming this afternoon in the base pool.

Oh, yes, I love the duty over the weekend. That is I make boat runs from the base here to fifth street landing across the bay.

You are going to be surprised tomorrow when I call you collect. But believe me I mail you a money order as soon as possible. Right now if it cost a nickel to go around the world I couldn't even get out of sight.

We had personal inspection this morning. That is the only thing I hate about this Navy is inspections.

Oh, yes, the engineering officer told me yesterday to get lot any training courses for second class engineer I am eligible to go up for is next January. If I'd make it I would

be tempted to ship over for six years. But there is hardly a chance of my making it. So I wouldn't worry about it.

Oh, yes, something I forgot to put in yesterday's letter. Wish your old man (Pardon me, your father) a happy birthday for me and many more of them.

They are playing "Sad & Lonely" over the radio, sure fits me perfect.

Oh, yes, last night when I finish your letter in a hurry a couple of buddies walked in and said they had a dollar sixty five said let's go over and have a few beers. So we went, had about four beers apiece, went over in town to a small place and sat around and chewed the fat and played a few games of shuffle board.

Oh, yes, I weighed in at the base pool, and I weighed one hundred and seventy eight lbs. I sure wish I could lose about eighteen more lbs.

Oh, yes, mom wants me to go back to school when I get out. I don't know. I don't think so. I be twenty years old when I get out. I think it would be time for me to start thinking about getting married and getting some money together so I can get married.

Well, I have to get up a go to six thirty mass.

All my love

Jim

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

July 19

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NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO, CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing

724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

June 18, 1951

Wednesday 18 July, 1951

Dearest Bobbie,

I just finished listening to the fight. Well, Jerry Joe finally, took him five times to do it.

Yes, I am three letter behind you. Again seems as if I can never catch up with you. Yes, Show Boat was a very good picture.

I'll never forget my last night at home. This time I believe it was the most wonderful time I have ever had.

Are you satisfied with the halter? And the shoes? That's just a sailor's dream being stranded on an island with a beautiful girl.

Oh, Friday the thirteenth passed by with out a thing happening.

Pardon me while I get a cigarette.

Yes, the Bud was in crumbles when I opened the letter it fell out.

Look at all the experience you passed up when you didn't go to K.C. and the money does a body good to get out and travel once in a while meet new people, new places.

Where in the world did you pick up the name "Greasy?" If your picking nick name, I have a good one for you. Yes. "Baby Snookles" (with emphasis on Baby).

Yes, Josephine is real cute.

You know instead of going swimming Sunday after calling you I washed out a set of my [undecipherable].

You and your letters, two in one day. I can't keep up with you if I tried.

Yes, things are even higher out here. It's hard for a sailor and his wife to get along.

That Frankie is spoiled. Bobbie, I feel [...] bad my tonsils are acting up. I finish this tomorrow.

All my love

Jim

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

288-14-13

COMPLANSHIP FLOT3

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark July 24, 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing

724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

23 July 1951

San Diego

5:30 P.M.

Dearest Jo

Here I am finally writing to you I feel like an awful heel. You writing at least one letter a day and I don't write but two or three times a week. I was going to think up a big story to tell you, but I thought – (8:30 went to chow, took in the movie "Soldiers three", what a movie)

I had better not because I couldn't write it if I wanted to, because when I was thirteen I stoled something and my dad found out. Instead of taking the razor strap to me like he usually did, he too, me in the living room and talked to me for forty five minutes and I haven't forgotten it and never will I either.

You are probably wondering what I have been doing. Well, as I told you I went up to Long Beach instead of L.A. and boy what a weekend. I was be Broke as usual, but there were four of us that went up and there were three and four dollars between us. And Boy! What a time we had, went to the Pike (amusement park) up in Long Beach. We didn't go up Saturday. We went up Sunday morning. Didn't go to bed Saturday night and sure didn't get in this morning until three and boy am I tired now. Wow.

I have seven of your letters sitting here in front of me, and I am going to try and answer all of them tonight.

Oh, yes, the telephone number of the base is HENLEY 3-6692 Extension 425. So I'll let you know when I have the next weekend duty and you could call then if you wanted to???

Bobbie, I was writing to Joanne up until the time I came home. She kept writing to me about Shirley. Well, I didn't think nothing of it until I got home and then I found out that it was a male instead of a female and they were engaged to be married. I met her when I was home on leave in June of 1950. There wasn't anything serious between us. She would write mostly of the news and things that were happening at home.

After I went over seas she was writing once or twice in every two or three weeks.

No, I don't know Larry Kingman, and Skippy Bindner but the name Bindner sounds familiar.

Bobbie, it's all right with me if you would but it. Maybe I would like it better.

Yes, I still have that lock of hair that you gave me.

Tell Lill I said "Hello," will you? By the way how is Paul & Lill doing now.

Oh, yes, I called home today. Alice said Mom was in Little Rock and that Paul was working in the coroner's office.

My birthday is Feb. 23.

I sorry about the S.W.A.K. So I'll put two on tonight OK.

I was kidding about shipping over. I think too much of mom to do it.

OK. It's a deal if I lose any weight & pass it your way.

Look, Bobbie, is it all right if I continue this tomorrow? O.K. I will.

With all my Love always
 Jim
 S.W.2.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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 COMLANSHIP FLOT3
 NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
 SANDIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark July 26, 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 724 Cedar Grove Court
 Louisville Kentucky
 Air mail

25 July 1951
 San Diego
 6:30 P.M.
 344 MORE days

Dearest Bobbie

Hi sweetness. How be's you this fine Hot summer?

I'm sorry I didn't write last night, but I had to go out and work on the car. I overhauled the starter a three hour job. And I need a new voltage regulator. But since I am broke it will have to wait until next pay day as I am as broke as usual.

And yes I have some interesting news. I received a letter from Flaget high school saying they had received a report on the General Educational Development test I took last March and that I am a graduate of Flaget High School and if I want a diploma the fee would be ten dollars and I am going to mail them ten dollars as soon as possible.

Here I am five letters behind you again. What I am I going to do?

Yes, we are going back up to L.A. again this weekend. There are four of us that are going; Dan Ward (Nebraska) Jolly (Tennessee) and Klien (Laura). Klien plays the guitar and boy what fun we have. Jolly knows some gents in Long Beach. We are supposed to go on a picnic Sunday and the four of us are flat but the girls told us to get some gas money up and they'd take care of the rest.

Have I ever had the chiggers? When I was ten or so I used to go up the Aunt Katie's in Shelbyville for a two weeks vacation and the first day I was there I looked like I had measles from chigger bites.

No, Bobbie, I don't think your crazy for writing the way you write. I love it. It brings back memories I don't know what it is but I feel lost now if you stopped writing. I just wished I could write a letter in the manner that you do.

I hate to cut this short but tomorrow at noon I write another one.

My love always

Jim

P.S. You ask me what my favorite popular song was well its "Till the End of Time"

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

Postmark August 1, 1951

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COMLANDSHIP FLOT 3

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing

724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

Air mail

27 July 1951

San Diego

6:30 P.M.

Dear Bobbie

Hi. Sorry I didn't write last night but I had to go out and work on the car again. No. Nothing wrong just change the oil & get some gas in it.

We supposed to go to Los Angeles this weekend again, but we don't know when we are going to get enough money to get up there. All we need is five dollars for gas.

You know I am beginning to see daylight again. I am only three letters behind you.

You know my face looks like the inside of a watermelon and my nose is nothing but one big blister.

Say why don't they put an air conditioning unit in the operating room.

No, I don't write mom very often about once a month & no Paul hasn't written to me I think he is a little peeved at me for bringing the car back.

That's all right, Bobbie, about the chain.

All I have to say is that hair had better be grown out by the next time I see it.

No, I didn't get any souvenirs when I went to Los Angeles.

About the scarg you have to wait until pay day (Tuesday). I'll go to small stores and buy you one. The ones I have all have hole in the corners and some night I go to Ti Juanna and get you some thing.

Oh, yes. Let's see. I might have the duty the first Sunday in July. I wish you would call me then. I write details in another letter.

There is going to be a variety show at the theater. So I have to see it tonight. The advertisements say girls! Girls & more girls so ????

Sorry but the pen I borrowing run out of ink. So

One of my buddies just borrowed five dollars. So we'll be going to Long Beach tomorrow until Mon night.

Lots of love

Jim

(Greasy)

P.S. a thousand & one kisses

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

288-14-13

COMLANDSHIP FLOT3

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing

724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

AIRMAIL

Postmark August 1, 1951

1 August 1951

San Diego

12:30 P.M.

Hi Bobbie

How are things in old Louisville?

I went over to the post office this morning and found three letters from you. I am beginning to feel like a heel Bobbie you writing me so often and here I am writing once or twice a week. It's not that I am not able to write. Its just its kinda hard for me to find time. This afternoon is my afternoon I should be on the beach getting the car greased.

Bobbie sometimes I wonder what in the world is going to become of us. We never know from one day to the next what this old world is going to do.

We went up to Long Beach again this weekend. What a time we had. I didn't get any souvinears.

2:30 P.M.

Just finished some business I had to attend to.

I went over to small stores to see about a neckerchief for you, but they were closed for inventory. So I'll go over in the morning and get one. I went to the post office and got some stamps and then walked to the other end of the base to see about an identification card and then I went to the office and inquired about the B.A.Q. allotment I put in for last December. That's money. I put in sixty dollars and the government puts in sixty seven fifty a month and sends it to my mother. They had to send it all the way to Washington D.C. for approval and I haven't heard a word about it yet. If they approve it, which is very doubtful, they will have to pay me all the way back to December.

Damn I sure wish you were out here. It seems as if I can't have a good time since meeting you. Before I could go out and raise hell & high water and have all kinds of fun. Now I can go out and raise it and its no fun. I wonder what's behind it? Maybe my minds on other things.

Oh, yes. I almost forgot. I don't have the duty this weekend. I just found out this morning I won't have it until the weekend of the Eleventh. I wish I had it this weekend but it seems I don't we are supposed to go back to L.B. this weekend but I think we'll go down to Posito Beach. Yesterday was pay day. I drew thirty four dollars for two weeks work. Discouraging ain't it?

Oh, yes I told you mom went to Hot Springs Ark did I not?

Oh, yes, my tonsils are still bothering me. I went to sick bay yesterday morning and they sent me over to the dentist office and he said I had a inflamed gums. But while I was at sick bay the doctor told me to come back and see about getting my tonsils taken out and that they were kinda bad. So sometime next week I am going.

All right. We both agree I am a (big heel.)

You know I couldn't forget about Bobbie why she's my favorite girl. Some day I want her to be my one & only. & you tell "stinky" she is right about some members of the armed forces but not this member.

No I never did get the noise in the speedometer fixed on the way out. I disconnected it and haven't been able to fix it yet.

It takes us about two hours to get to Long Beach. I'll take damn good care of your graduate.

I wouldn't worry too much about it raining out here. It hasn't rained for the last five or six months.

I am supposed to go over and get some bills I have on the beach squared away this afternoon an I should say this evening oh yes I have a few bills. I am going to get a locker in a locker club and start getting myself some civilian clothes together because it won't be long, eleven months and eight days.

It's almost three thirty. So long for awhile.

My love always

Jim

(Your graduate)

(On the back of the last page)

This is the last time

Forgive me?

Jim

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

288-14-13

COMLANSHIP FLOT3

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO CALIF

Postmark August 7, 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing

724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

6- August 1951

San Diego

336 More days

Dear Bobbie

Here I went and dood it again. I told you I would write Friday night and when I returned to the barrack xxxx said let's go to the movie and I went. Please forgive me.

Did you ever know xxxx xxxx xxxx "Stinky" is? I guess I'll be for telling you what happened to stinky a few days ago. Has the light begun to dawn yet? Here I stand writing with the pen you sent me and what happens it runs out of ink. And I had to borrow a pen again.

Yes, I received your package today. I was a little surprised to find a pen in it. Was that intended to be a "Hint." I want to thank you for it. I appreciate it very much to know you care that much for me.

Here I am three letters behind you again. I received another letter from mom over the weekend, the second since I have been back off base.

Oh, yes. I was just thinking you said you get your vacation next summer. And if you are looking for some hot weather and you get your vacation next summer around the ninth of July, why don't you and your mother come on out to California and we'll drive home any way you want??????????.

Bobbie, I don't mind your telling me your troubles. I glad you think enough of me to tell them to me.

No, Bobbie. If I kept calling a girl up and she didn't want to go out with me just because she doesn't like me, I would just quit calling her.

I received your letter postmarked the fourth this afternoon. When I received the message to call up op 277, I was imagining all sorts of things until I found out what number called. Don't even do that again. You almost scared the pants off me. I didn't receive the message until a little after midnight & I made a bee line for the phone booth.

Yes, I would like to teach you how to drive some time real soon and how I wish it could be real, real soon.

We went up to Long Beach again this weekend. I was broke as usual and I'll be broke until next week on pay day.

We had a fair time up there but I think that is the end of that little escapade.

Yes, I want to thank you for the cross and St. Chris – medal. I almost threw the cross away.

I'll be writing more often now since I am broke.

I am tired. We did not get back to the base last night until two this morning and had to get up at six. That was the first since Friday night and here I have to write mom a letter, because I go to bed (Oh happy day)

My love always

Jim

S.W.A.K.S

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

288-14-13

COMLANSHIP FLOT3

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO 55, CALIF

Postmark August 11, 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing

724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville, Kentucky

AIRMAIL

10 August 1951

San Diego

6:30 P.M.

Hi Snookles

I just got back on the base. We have been to sea for the last three days on an observing party.

I just finished washing some clothes, had over nine lbs of hats, t-shirts & shorts, a week's washing.

After we got off the boat I went up to the office & found four letters from you and one from mom with two bonds and a duplicate drivers license.

Bobbie, I read your letters and I got so damn home sick I want to run to the phone & pull a "stinky." I should go on the beach and get a few beers but after I finish this letter I am going to write mom and then go straight to bed.

I guess you won't be calling any more, twenty three dollars. That sure was a long time to talk and here we didn't say a thing. You mean I am worth twenty three dollars. I am glad you think that much of me. I want you to no and I should say sometimes this deliver mail on Sundays.

The next time I'll be home is Xmas if I have enough money. I haven't been home on Xmas since I been in the Navy.

I am almost out of debt out here so every payday I am going to give the personnel officer ten dollars a payday and tell him not to give it to me until I get ready to come home Xmas. I'll have enough to get home but getting back will be a problem.

Everythings O.K. about the call. Everybody kids me about you calling at midnight. They all say I should marry you if you think that much of me to call out here at midnight. I am a marked man.

Oh yes have you heard the song "would I have you" by Patti Page? Oh, what a song. It's going to be my favorite.

I am sorry about not doing what I write & say I am going to do. But it seems that every time I sit down & get ready to write something always comes up.

It would be nice if I could be stationed close to Lou, but I would have to extend for two years to get close. And rather than do that I would rather stay out here.

No xxx xxxx just getting a new one my old one expired July 9 – 51, when I should have got out. (The RATs).

We sent a spud letter out about the allotment out last week we should have an answer in another week or so.

? what is a stinky??? You can give the operating room my love.

They are playing "would I love you" over the radio now. A sailor would be in heaven up there in the operating room.

Question # one. We did not have a barbecue. We had a picnic Sunday afternoon.

2 fair

#3 yes, it still works

#4 yes, they went & Nebraska

#5 yes, I told them

Yes I like the fountain pen. I was planning on buying one a few more paydays & I would have.

I wasn't.

Bobbie, I hate to but I must

All my love, Snookles

Jim

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

Postmarked August 13

288-14-13

COMLANSHIP FLOT3

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing

724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

AIRMAIL

12 August 1951

San Diego

6:30 P.M.

Hi Snookles

How is Baby Snookles this fine Sunday afternoon and I should say evening. Everything fine & dandy.

Bobbie when I told you that I get home sick you call its not homesickness. I just get a lonesome feeling or I just get blue. I want so bad for you to be out here but it just isn't possible.

Oh, well. This kid wants me to go over to the dutch village out in El Cajon and he want to leave now. I told him he would have to wait until I finished this letter. So, yes, tonights my duty night but I go voer just the same if I got caught. Oh, LaLa!!!

I played poker all afternoon and finally lost two dollars. Oh woe is me.

The night before I cleaned out a crap game. We were playing for pennies. I won three dollars.

The pictures of Charlotte are real cute.

In one of your letters you said I was crazy. Well, they say there is only a hair between genius & insanity. I am just on the wrong side of the hair.

Tell everyone I said Hello.

P.S. I am going to keep the pictures. I like them.

My love always

Jim

P.S. Bobbie, I love you very much.

Jim

S.W.A.K.

13 August 1951

San Diego 55

7:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks.

How be's you this find day? I received your letter dated the eighth this afternoon mail delivery is a little fouled up.

You're nothing but an old night owl. Yes I have ink. I finally broke down and bought myself a bottle.

Well, Bobbie, you asked me why I called it an escapade. Well there are two 3 types of girls out here on the west coast. The good ones the ones that want to marry a sailor for his 125 dollars a month she would get & the bad.

Well, this one was one that wanted to get married me when I go out with a girl out here I am out for a few laughs & a good time. Well, this one wanted to get serious so I got pie-eyed just for an excuse to get mad at her & for her to get mad at me & it worked as usual.

And when do you get my friend Frankie. Oh well he is a nice little (?)

No. I just thought about it it would be nice for you & your mother I would be coming home for good (I hope) anyway I should get dischareged around July 1 52.

I would propose to you tomorrow if I could see my way clear.

We went out to the dutch village last night oh what a dive. They have a western band three men two guitars & one violin if you want to call that a band. But play a lot of good western tunes and they do have a pitcher of beer for eighty five cents.

I never did send for the diploma I wrote home & told mom to go down there and see Brother Manis.

Well, the Gang ask me to go to the movies so.

My love always

Jim

P. S. So long. (Remember me)

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

288-14-13

COMLANSHIP FLOT3

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing

724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

AIRMAIL

Postmarked August 14, 1951

13 August 1951

San Diego 55

7:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

How be's you this fine day? I received your letter dated the eighth this afternoon. Mail delivery is a little fouled up.

Your nothing but an old night owl. Yes, I have ink. I finally broke down and bought myself a bottle.

Well Bobbie you asked me why I called it an escapade. Well, there are two 3 types of girls out here on the west coast. The good ones the ones that wants to marry a sailor for his 125 dollars a month she would get & the bad

Well, this one was one that wanted to get married

STOPPED TRANSCRIBING AND LOST THE REST OF THE ABOVE LETTER

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
 288-14-13
 COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
 NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
 SAN DIEGO 55 CALIFORNIA

Postmarked August 15, 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 724 Cedar Grove Court
 Louisville, Kentucky

Airmail

14 August 1951
 San Diego
 6:00 p.m.
 325 more days

Hi Snooks

Received two letters from you this afternoon. What has come over you?????

What's the story on the apartment? Three empty apts. Out here your lucky if you could rent a chicken coop.

I heard that song and believe me I believe it will become #1 on the hit parade.

I still the lonesome one, will be I guess until I get out. The only thing we have out here is sand fleas and some times they get real troublesome.

Lillian had better be watching her stuff. Believe I know.

I right along with Julie & Redempta. I can see us up there now and I am hoping with them.

The days I don't get a letter from you I just mope around the barracks.

And don't you be spending any money to be calling out here. I am not worth it.

(Oh it just entered my mind)

That's bad about Jacquelin. I'll say a few prayers for her.

Believe me when things are that young they are cute. But they are also a lot of trouble as you one finding out.

You mean Frankie fell out of bed & didn't cry. Oh I am beginning to have faith in him. There probably wasn't anyone around to pamper him.

Nothing doing out here the same old grind day in & day out.

Running a boat from here to the ships, or Broadway or naval station, A.B.C. Beach.

Oh well. I let you go now.

My love always,
Jim

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 USN
288-14-13
COMLANDHIPFLOT3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Post mark Aug 23, 1951 7:30 a.m.

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

21 August, 1951
San Diego 55
8:00

Hi Snooks

I found six letters over at the office today for me. They all were from you.

I have been over at sick bay (Hospital) since last Thursday. No. Nothing serious. I sprained my ankle and before they would let me get on my feet they had to take an x-ray of it & the results did not get back until last night.

I will try and answer all of your letters tonight. It is going to be a job believe me.

Well I tell you how it is to get in bed at nine its misery some times but tonight I been laying in bed since Thursday and at other times its heaven especially when you have been out and a big thing. Believe I know.

Oh yes I am always on duty: every day.

I would pull a "stinky" but as it is I am willing every way Except financially.

When you see Sister Emanuel tell her I said hello.

I love it Bobbie when you write every day.

Your on for the show Friday night.

Some times when you write I think your nuts -- [Indecipherable] and a pair of nuts.

Hm I have four letters to go. Man what a job.

You tell the girls that they had better leave you alone or I will. Believe me I will.
Oh well Long Beach is finished & done with.

I sure wish I would see a 61:17 pay check. I would faint believe me.

Believe me if we got married we would raise a lot of little screws.

Yes Mom will take care of the diploma.

The T. S.omeone To Sweet To Sit alone was shipped on the letter by a buddy of mine I asked him what it meant and here is the answer, to someone to sweet to sit alone. Anyway that's what he says – myself I don't believe him. That Jimmie is beginning to be a regular old River Rat.

(Maybe two cents but not three)

Yes Bobbie I wish I were home now too We would be making plans.

I am very sorry to hear about your little cousin.

Tell _____ ever get a job. _____ ever get a car he had better have a job.

I am sorry to hear about stinky.

Bobbie it's getting late. I want to write tomorrow. I have to go out and look at the car.

Lots & Lots of Love

Jim

P.S. tell everyone I said hello.

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark August 24 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

23 August 1951
San Diego 8:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks.

I just finished shaving & showering. Before that I went to the movies. They had "show boat." And if you haven't seen it don't. I stunk and I mean stunk.

What did you mean father ____nick wanted to talk to me?????? & what about.??? Could it be.

My nose is just about ready to peel. Over the weekend I was in sick bay.

After I answered your message yesterday I went over to the phone to ask for OP 233 and I got her & she connects me with 227. And 227 calls upstairs to see if you were still there. And I ask her if she was "stinky" & she said no. She told me to call you tonight between 4:30 and 5:00 our time. & you know the rest.

Oh yes I received your letter of the twentieth this afternoon and you had better quit talking about labor day an I'll be home for labor day. I hate to make this short. But rack duty calls.

Love always

Jim

P.S. I love you a lot Gal whole lots

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark August 26 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

26 August 1951

San Diego 1:30 P.M.

Hi Snooks.

How be's you this fine Sunday afternoon? I just come back from the library had been reading some magazines thought I had better write to you.

Guess what happened yesterday! Oh well you'll never guess. So I received a letter from Paul yesterday I liked to have fell through the floor. I don't know what got into him. I also received your letter postmarked the twenty third. How are things going in Louisville now a days?

I sure wish I were back there now. Oh yes the latest scuttlebutt (gossip). We are supposed to be going over seas in October & that all involuntary enlistments will get out three months early. Remember all this is pure scuttlebutt (rumors) and until it's announced officially it will be a lie to me.

Bobbie why don't you go up to the Francis? building & see an ear specialist. I know I used to have ear trouble like you and I made one visit up there and I haven't had any trouble since & that was five or six years ago.

But it isn't so hard to send a cake through the mail. That is if you box it right.

You should hear some of the ideas Paul has in his letter. The boy has big ideas but if we pull them off we will be in the chips. But it will be a question of whether we can pull it or not. But it will be a question of whether we can pull it or not.

Oh yes would you like to go to the movies here of the base tonight? Good. I'll pick you up around seven so we will be back out of the base in time. The name of the move? "two of a kind". I AM DREAMING. Oh well isn't much more to write about so

I sure wish you were out here. But we all can't have what we want. Can we?

Bobbie I have a lot gab a bunch of whole lots. ???? Well as I said before

My love always

Jim

P.S. 313 more days

P.S. Give everybody my love

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3

Postmark August 29 1951

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

28 August 1951
San Diego 8:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks.

How is life treating you? These fine Sunday days? (HA)

Believe it or not it rained all day out here the first time since last April & they are expecting a Gale with winds up to eighty mile an hour to hit San Diego around three o'clock tomorrow morning.

Oh yes I received your card and it was real cute. Thanks a lot. Oh I am still limping around [Indecipherable] & they still have it taped up. The doc says he is going to take the tape off next Monday.

Say the boats in the back ground are a couple of L.S.T.s the card is real cute.

And you tell July & Redempta that "a bean a day keeps the doc away".

Look Bobbie I hate to make this letter short. But I expect to get out of my rack at two in the morning and if the storm gets bad I'll be working all day tomorrow. I'll write as soon as possible.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. loves a Lot gal

S.W.A.K.

Postmark August 31, 1951

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

30 August 1951
San Diego 7:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

I just finished a letter to Mom and I thought I had better start one to you.

I was surprised at your Calling last night. It was quite hard to understand you last night I know I sounded mad over the phone last night but it was just the mood I was in and I want to say I am sorry very sorry.

(Just filled the pen)

You made me promise I would call you on your birthday it wasn't necessary I was going to call anyway yes I want to ask you something ~~especially~~ SPECIAL it all depends on a lot of things that will and won't happen in the next two weeks.

Bobbie you ask me if I meant what I wrote in my last letter you are damn right I mean it I love you Bobbie very very much. Yes I want to marry you whether you will have me or not is another question which I hope will be answered as soon as I ask.

I do love you Bobbie very much.

Bobbie I have to make a boat run in a hurry so

My Love always

Jim

P.S. always will love that Gal

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark September 7 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

7 September 1951
San Diego 12:35 P.M.

Hi Bobbie

Just got back from an observing party. I haven't had time to go over to the office to pick up the mail. I bet you I have a whole bunch of mail over there to

I just don't want you to think I had forgotten you.

I ____ write mom a whole lot more tonight.

I had a pretty nice labor weekend. How was your yours.

Early Tuesday morning they come and tell me I have to go here. I was with a big hangover. Oh brother I never did see how I made it that day. Wow. I learned my lesson that time. Well Bobbie I hate to make this short but duty calls

Love Always

Jim

P.S. I really does love dat Gal.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark September 9 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

"AIR MAIL"

9 Sept 1951
 San Diego
 3:00 p.m.

Hi Snooks

How is my girl this fine Sunday afternoon? Yes, I have the duty this afternoon of all the luck.

Bobbie I don't see what your see in me. I tell you one thing and then I go do another. I don't know what you should do to me. I know if you were in my shoes I would quit writing you. Should I dismiss it? I know.

Bobbie, I told you in one of my letters I had something special to ask you when I call on your birthday. Well, you probably guessed it. Yes, I was going to ask you to marry me. But I won't. You probably wondering why I won't. Well, it's a long story. And to make it short I am financially embarrassed. And secondly you deserve someone better than I. I am no good, and I am rotten down to the core. I hate to say it about myself but it's true. Believe me I know. Yes, Bobbie, I do love you more than I have loved anyone before, and I want to go on loving you.

Oh, yes. I had four letters from you over at the office, and I received one this morning. Boy it's going to be a job answering all of them this afternoon. But I will try.

Bobbie, I read your letters, and I got so damned homesick. Now I'll have to come home Xmas even if I have to go over the hill if we are in the states and they won't give me leave.

Oh, yes. I received your letter of the seventh this afternoon with one from Paul, believe it or not his third letter since I have been back off home.

It looks like the braves are going somewhere this year. Here's hoping.

Oh, I still have my navy ring. I am going to send the clippings back so I won't forget to later on.

Love always

Jim

A.L.O.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

Postmark September 14 1951

288-14-14
 COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
 NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
 SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 724 Cedar Grove Court
 Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

13 September 1951
 San Diego 8:00 p.m.

Hi Snooks

How be's you gal this fine Thursday evening. I received your two letters this morning. I have been busy lately been having quite a lot of trouble with my engines believe it or not. I have been working from six in the morning until six at night. Now the story is I am in charge of two boats, the captain's gig and officers motor boat. Well the captain's gig "blew a piston." So we had to take the old one out, replace it with a new one and overhaul the old one. We will finish up on the old one in the morning, put it in a test standard & make a few minor adjustments and let it run for a few hours.

Oh, yes. I received another letter from Paul this morning with my last bond in it. I suppose they thought I would cash it, but I am going to fool them. I am going to save it until I come home (I HOPE.) XMAS. Bobbie please don't plan on my being home Xmas. I'll let you know a couple of weeks before Xmas if I am coming home or not.

Bobbie there is nothing wrong except I have been working extra long hours. Next Monday I am going over in Corondo and see if I can't pick up a few bucks each night after six so I will have enough to come home on.

David said he was going out for football. Whether he went out or not I don't know. I think mom talked him out of it like she done to me. To the P.S.'s the ankle is still a little weak. No I never did see about my tonsils and I have seen you in my dreams almost every night.

Bobbie I not mad at you. It's my self. I keep thinking about different things and I always come up with the same answer (Why??) Sometimes I think I am half crazy the things that go through my mind.

I am about to drop do

My love always

Jim

P.S. loves ya I do

S.W.A.D.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark September 18 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

19 Sept. 1951
San Diego 11:30 a.m.

Hi Snooks

I just have a few moments. So I just wanted to tell you that your present won't get there until next week some time that's what they told me last night.

Bobbie I have some bad news. I cannot call Thursday night reason no money. So if you call down here I will be in the office from six to ten Thursday (over time). I only have twenty dollars and I bought your gift and paid a five dollar debt and that was my pay

check. I thought they would pay me at least thirty. But they didn't. Bobbie I want you to get this letter by Thursday. I hope you do.

Say some prayers for me for a special purpose. I may be home before Xmas (permanently) if & but comes then. I loves gal very much, a whole lot. Just be _____ standing for a month and see and every thing will work out. (I hope)

Lots of love always

Jim

P.S. Mom and I are trying to swing a deal for discharge.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark September 19 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

18 Sept 1951
San Diego 55

Hi Snooks

Here I am again an I should say at last here I have four letters from you haven't answered.

Bobbie I hope you understand why I cannot call you Thursday. I went out last night & bought your birthday gift and I went a little higher than I anticipated. Right now I have an dollar and sixty five cents until next pay day. So if you can call here Thursday I will be

in the office from six until ten (our time). Oh yes your birthday gift won't be there until next week.

Those observing partys last anywhere from four to ten days. And no I don't on the morning that we go out they tell me to pack enough clothes for a couple of days and to be down at the pier a certain time that morning.

Oh the Bobbies – Buddies & I are getting along. There isn't much to say about them. I told you about the one that plays the guitar. He gets out in January. And believe me you will be hearing about him within six months. He's good on the guitar and he does have a voice. He has nine brothers. All of them play some string instrument and about five of them including him are going to start a western band.

I will _____ will be _____

No Bobbie I didn't go out and get drunk on that twenty dollars. I got what you might say Happy.

Let's home that that dream of yours comes true especially about the part where I have the discharge

Say a few prayers and if every thing goes right I will be home within two months with a discharge. I won't tell you about it until I am damn sure I will get it. So say a few prayers. There isn't anything I want as bad as that. Not yet anyway. Unless it home? with you.

Oh don't worry about me pulling a Johnnie and being like Paul. There is a difference between him J & like there's a difference between night & day or Bobbie & Lillian believe there is.

How did Flaget make out against Evansville win or lose? Won I hope.

Never worry about me being in the hospital because if it was serious the navy would let ~~you~~ MOM know.

And don't worry. I'll never fall for one of these as you call (the California women). I have already fallen for someone. And it happen the latter part of May & first part of June this year and I fell pretty hard too.

I could make it home of a ten day leave with two days at home.

How come I call you snooks Well when I was young I was a very good fan of Baby snooks on the radio, and you fit the bill almost perfectly. You look it believe me. If I hadn't seen your I.D. I would have never believed you were nineteen and Baby snookles is a name that almost fits you to a "t"

No, I don't know a soul on the Flaget teams

I have been on our administrative officers car for the last three days. We are giving it a major overhaul. This is a free one. The next two we have line up are cash on the barrel head. My (poor old foot) is well now. I hope I haven't been doing too much on it.

Is that G.I. test hard? Yes and no. _____ I just have to use common sense & have a good memory for algebra and math.

Oh well. They say all good things must come to and end. So I have some Rack duty to pull.

My love always.

Jim

P.S. Loves & Loves dat Gal

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark September 20 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

19 September 1951
San Diego Calif 8:23 p.m.

HI YA BRAT (that's for the snot)

Hi Snooks

How's my one and only this fine Wednesday evening. Here last night I wrote you & I thought I was caught up but here I find three letters over at the office from you.

Oh yes I have some bad news. I received an answer on the allotment today they did not approve it. So there is only one hope left and I am putting all my money on it.

Tomorrow being your birth day. So here & now I want to wish you a happy birthday and may you have many more of them.

Well Flaget didn't lose to Evansville looks like they might have a mighty good season.

Oh Klim is from Iowa. He's a stump jumper (Hillbilly)

I think (I KNOW DARN WELL) you're wrong when you say no one would want you.

If any time you have extra money let me know. I could use all I can get my hands on.

No. I didn't get a job. This chief that is in charge of me, we have a deal working we work on cars over at the body shop here on the base and that way I can pick up an extra ten dollars or so every two weeks. We just started here last Saturday.

You tell Lillian she had better watch those "doggies" well as much as I hate to but I hate to.

Love always

Jim

P.S. "I loves dat gal I does"

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark September 24 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

23 Sept 1951
San Diego 5:00 p.m.

Hi Snooks

How's be you this fine Sunday afternoon. Klein just finished playing his guitar. He been playing solid for the last two hours.

We went out to Big stone lodge last night in Escondido about 35 miles outside S.D. Bay you talked about country people. They had them out there last night now they had a dance out there that how come we went out.

You know Dennis the menace reminds me of frankie he just the type to pull things like Dennis does. Isn't he?????

Oh I am losing weight not much but a little. I tried out a size 34 pants yesterday afternoon and they were a wee bit too big for me. Came in this outfit I was wearing a size thirty eight. I weighed two hundred and eight lbs stopped when I came in and now I weigh one hundred & eight with all my clothes on.

I went to mass Confession & communion this morning and also said a few prayers that I would get out pretty soon. Mom expects an answer to her letter some time this coming week. I sure hope she receives it. And the answer is what I think it will be & what we want it to be.

I was playing softball all afternoon we have a game Wednesday plot 3 plays hadn't

Oh well here's hoping we when. How is every one at your house. That letter I got from Paul, he says mom must be in her second childhood she had her hair cut short. David is going out for the band at Flaget now.

Paul seems to like his job when he is the reason I have be getting so much mail from him is because he hasn't much to do so he says.

Well sweetness I must be going So

Love you always

Jim

P.S. Loves & loves Dat gal. Sho Does

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark September 27 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

BKAT HI
FLOT I -21
FLOT 3 – 1

25 Sept 1951
San Diego
8:10 P.M.

Hi Snooks

I just received two letters from you this evening. Sure was surprised oh yes I have another one I received yesterday. I had better go get it. I had it in my shirt pocket.

You had me worried this afternoon when you called until it dawned on me that your number was 233 on the board.

Oh yes Paul told me about needing a hundred & sixty dollars to go out to U. of L. I sure wish I hadn't bought that the Buick and then I could have lent it to him but I couldn't see this far into the future then.

Say, do you know Paul Hourning home address the name sounds familiar if it's the same one the address is in the 22 hundred or 23 hundred block Portland and that his age should be around that.

My dress blues. Excuse me. I had better not write on the back of this paper.

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My dress blues cost thirty one dollars _____ for pants & sixteen for jumper.

Remind me to buy you a neckerchief next pay day you ask me to buy one months ago.

Oh oh Klien is going to play his guitar again

How to mail a Coke (HINT)

TOP SIDE METAL CAKE OR COOKIE BOX. THE DIAMETER IS THE SIZE OF A STANDARD CAKE YOU PUT CAKE IN BOS WRAP MAIL (SIMPLE ISN'T IT.)

That beautiful Sunday you are talking about I had a small Hang over.

Kline is playing a Eddie Arnold song "It's been so long Darlin"

Bobbie that three months & five days has seemed like forever.

Oh well I bound to get out sooner or later I just hope it's sooner rather than later.

Does your radio have a phonograph attachment.? Just curious.

Oh well Bobbie it is getting late So I hear that rack calling.

Love always

Jim

P.S. Loves Dat Gal I does very much.

XXXXXXXXXXXXX Don't ask me I don't know.

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark October 1 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Hi you B not

30 Sept 1951
San Diego 9:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

How be's ya this fine Sunday Evening? Here I am again four letters letters behind you. I also received your "Coke" Friday night and it was all in one piece believe me it was good to. I got myself a cup of coffee to go with it and boy they sure were good together.

The guys name wouldn't be Raymond shank would it?

Yes frankie's a 4.0 Jar?

Boy I sure had a rough night wow. I should say ouch. I got up this morning to go to mass and my head felt like an over ripe watermelon which reminds me we had it for dinner & supper.

I received a letter from one of my buddies in the army saying my cousin is on his way to Korea. My cousin is a cook in the army. Some feel sorry for the boys he cooks for.

Bobbie when & if I do receive orders to be transferred to the N.S. for discharge I am going to write you two one word (Homeward bound) and after you receive it I be home in two weeks after your receive it. I sure wish I was home now. Oh B mother what I wouldn't give to be home now is million dollars if I had it it's getting late so

Love lots of Love

Jim

P.S. Loves & Loves Dat Gal. I does

S.W.L.O.K.'s

Loves Ya I do

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Postmark October ? 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Hi ya B not

5 Oct 1951
San Diego 4:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

How Be's Ya Gal. _____ I had to go out on an observing party Early Monday morning.. Same? Times these people make me so mad. I just hope my discharge comes through.

I am sorry to hear about your cold. I'll say a few prayers.

Yes that was one heck of a softball game who made the home run?

I called home last night mom wasn't home so I talked to Alice. She said mom had received an answer to her letter she didn't say what the answer was so now I am sweating out a letter from mom.

You had better send me some of those pictures.

I just got a couple of sandwiches from the Bean? Ball swiss cheese & meat loaf. Hmm good want a bite? Wish I could give you one right now.

That softball pitcher is dead. Has been for quite a while Just my luck here I have the duty this coming weekend oh well maybe I can _____ over Saturday night. Bobbie I hate to make this so short But I have some business to take care of on the beach.

Love always

Jim

P.S. XXXX Loves ya gal

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COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark October 10 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
c/o 724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Hi Stinker

9 October 1951
San Diego 55 6:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

I guess your mad at me for not calling yesterday a week ago. I told you I couldn't help and Thursday night after I called home and I went out and all I can say is I sobered up this morning. Why I done it I don't know. I haven't received any mail for a week now. If you are mad at me I can not say that I blame you. But if I don't receive any mail between now and next Monday I'll call you then if you want to talk to me after what I have done and if you don't I can't say that I blame. I don't know why I do things like that.

I do love you Bobbie and some day I want to marry you and the sooner I get out the sooner that day will come.

It's been hot out here for the last three or four days. Wow. I haven't heard from home for a week now either.

My love always

Jim

P.S. I do love you very much Bobbie

S.W.A.G.D.K.

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Postmark October 11 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Hi Ya Stinker

10 Oct 1951
San Diego

Hi Snooks

You know to my surprise I received two letters from you this afternoon.

Flaget sure must have a team this year three wins & one tie.

Did I write you a letter Friday night? If I did I can't quite remember.

Why I didn't call Monday night well Bobbie I guess you should know. I went out on an observing party Monday morning we didn't get in until late Thursday afternoon. Will I pick up my check and I couldn't cash it until I got over in town well before I called home before I left the base. R.C. to see if mom had received an answer to her letter she wasn't home. I talked to Alice and I told her to tell mom to write & let me know. Still no letter from home and after that I went over and cashed and I was intending to call you then but then I met a couple of buddies of mine off of the L.S.T. 1123 and we had a few and a few more and I finally sobered up Monday morning. Yes from Thursday until Monday. And I don't remember half of what I did during that period. After that I am a reformed man no more than two bottles of beer a night that I do out.

Bobbie I'll call you this coming Monday night come H___ or high water. You had better see the Duo. Yes Bobbie that is what I deserve. I deserve more than that.

Ok Bobbie night before I start home I will call you if I can. I told you once I would write just as soon as I receive any news about a discharge all I know now is it still stands a 9 July 1952.

Out here today the sun was a shining the temperature was up in the eighties a couple of days ago it hit ninety one. Hot? Isn't it.

Yes Bobbie I have a funny feeling that there is something in the wind about my discharge when I called home I asked Alice if mom had heard anything about the letter mom had mom received an answer to it. She said "about your discharge" I said "yes." She said mom had received an answer to her letter but she did not know what it was.

I think as soon as I finish this letter I call home again and see if I can raise mom.

Yes I would like to see the male Flaget game. It will be a lulu.

Oh yes the picture of you is very good. I think it is the best one I have.

Well Bobbie I am going to call home now so

My love always

Jim

P.S. XXXX LOVES YA.

P.S. they are playing "too young" on the radio.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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Postmark November __ 17 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

BRAT

12 Oct 1951
San Diego 4:10 P.M.

Hi Snooks

How be's you this fine Monday evening. Where have I been for the last week well I'll tell you I was out again on another observation party we did get in until yesterday morning boy I sure hate these parties but it's a job I have to do.

I almost made a fatal mistake last Sunday when you called but I rectified it before it happened.

I found six letters from you up at the office this morning.

Yes my buddy (the yeoman you didn't like) the one that was snooty over the phone remember.

I just remembered that I promised I wouldn't say anything about coming home Xmas. So I wouldn't (say anything)

Oh I'll get out July 9 unless some disaster takes place. I mean another war or unless Congress changes the law again.

I sure wish I could be home when it gets good and cold and a lot of snow on the ground.

No it's a wee bit too cool to go swimming anymore.

No I haven't heard from Klien. He's supposed to get out in January.

I am hoping your dream comes true and I mean true.

Talking about getting draft I hope all of them get drafted. It will do them good.

Oh well there goes chow call. So I'll leave for now until tomorrow night.

All my love

Jim

LOVES YA I DO

LOVES YA

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Postmark October 17 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

17 Oct 1951
San Diego 11:20 A.M.

Hi Snooks

Boy I sure was tired last night after I finished your letter at four thirty I hit the sack & slept there until six this morning. Wow.

I received your letter with the raffle stubs in them and your dollar with the neckerchief is an the way I couldn't buy any stamps until this morning so I didn't mail them until this morning. Here I am seven letters behind you again.

67 days until Xmas and fifty seven days before I start home (I HOPE).

You remember those pictures we took while I was home I was just looking threw them they sure bring back memories.

Your mother said I went into town and had a good what? & forgot all about you.

Oh yes I remember Jimmie and I remember franke.

I told your mom received an answer to her letter and she said she mailed it out here well I haven't seen it and I haven't received any mail from home yet either. I asked mom what was in the letter she said says "that they would take here letter under

consideration and etc. etc. she gave me the runaround over the phone. I think something is in the air if I would receive mail from home I could get rid of that feeling I just don't know what the feeling is though. Something going to happen and ____ some letter from home or ? something

There goes chow call so I'll finish this after chow. 12:30

Meat balls & spaghetti for dinner Hm good when it's fixed right.

I am going to send your clippings back I imagine you want them.

Kline got transferred here last week to an A.P.A. and Jolly went to frisco.

It looks like Com Lan Ship flot 3 is going to move aboard ship again they are running all the flags aboard ship.

The last I heard about stinkie & Johnnie was that Johnnie was in Calif & Stinky hadn't heard from him.

You tell frankie that I get him if he hits you again in the side.

Yes I knew a stonekeeper By the name of be a negro.

We will go to Balboa Park & have a weiner roast. I have to go to work so.

My love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA.

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Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Air Mail

16 Oct 1951
San Diego 4:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

Hi Sweetness How is my baby tonight! I am sorry Bobbie that I couldn't talk any longer last night but I only drew twenty five. And I owed seven. And your call was five with after putting gas in the car and buying cigarettes & toilet articles I have five left.

Bobbie what were you saying about last night it couldn't of been me. I almost started home last night without the papers if I would of had any money. I would of been in Texas this morning.

Its only fifty nine more days more days before I start home. It won't be too long now.

Bobbie I have four letters of yours I should answer now. I am sending the neckerchief & a dollar for the chances.

But I'll try and answer them tomorrow because I am dog tired.

Bobbie I wanted so much to ask you to marry me last night but I just couldn't. why. Lots of reasons I am four hundred dollars in the hole. I am only drawing 30 a pay day & if I could see a way I would.

Bobbie I love you very much. I hate to make this so short but I have an all night watch to stand tonight starting at six.

My love always

Jim

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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark October 23 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Stinker

22 Oct 1951
San Diego 55 6:30 P.M.

Hi ya Snooks

How Be's you this fine Monday evening I received four letters from you this morning was I surprised Wow.

How many beers did I drink the night I called you oh me I don't drink not since they invented the funnel.

Things look mighty bad for me to come home Xmas. I need about eight dollars of work done on the car before I can start home. I'll do most of it myself but ?? the other morning the brakes ____ I don't know how I am going to do it I don't know. ~~How about loan ____ fifty dollars. How about it??????~~ Sorry.

Well I am happy again I am broke oh well.

You talking about cutting your hair reminds me I never did tell you I have a crew cut.

Oh yes I see the Buddies off the L.S.T. I ran into a couple of them Saturday night Wow.! An I should say ouch.

I am going to have to make this letter a short one tonight it's a promise Bobbie about coming home without the papers its going to be kinda hard to get leave of I am the only EN in the outfit.

About us going overseas there is still scuttlebutt if I hear anything official I let you know first thing.

My love always

Jim

S.W.A.D.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark October 25 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Stinker

24 Oct 1951
San Diego 8:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

Howdy Gal. Guess what happened today No the world didn't come to an end. Yup I received a letter from Mom and a letter I mailed to you Monday night. I forgot to put a stamp on it. And I also received two letters from you this afternoon.

Oh yes if I win the two hundred & fifty dollars you just give them my address and tell them to mail it out to me I'll be needing it bad when I come home.

Oh if pulled a "Stinky" I would know what I would be doing and when I would be if I did.

Yes Bobbie I said some prayers for your special intentions.

What have I been doing of late? Well I have been staying in the barracks the car is broke down and I haven't any money to buy parts to fix it. Oh well pay day is only a week away and the day after I will be broke again. Oh well I guess I am not happy until I am broke.

You tell stinkie she will have to pull a good one with me. Tell her I can pull same _____.

Yes I read about Brand? & Gnosa? It's a shame. But they are entitled to one mistake.

The nights here been getting real chilly out here as of late. But during the day if the sun is shining you can go swimming.

My love always

P.S. tell Julie I hope her dream comes true

P.S. LOVES YA I DO.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark October 27 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

26 Oct 1951
San Diego 6:30 P.M.

Hi Snooks'''

How be you this fine Friday evening? O.K? Just got back from chow. What did we have? Fried shrimp, creamed, spuds, corn, on the cob, salad, choclote, and pumpkin pie.

I don't know how come me to forget to put a stamp on that letter I wrote Monday night but I did.

You will be a little surprised at this letter being typed I mean. I hope everyone likes your television set.

I received two letters from you and one from Paul today. I am surprised at Paul he writes about once a week now he keeps me informed of everything that happens at home oh yes he keeps me informed on almost every you dotoo how is every one at your house these days? Lil still getting calls from Fort Knox? Or has she finished that faze of her life.

I have been broke for the last five days now it will be a happy day when pay day gets here.

You all most had me tonight I almost ask you to marry me I woud have but it would be no life for you to lead believe me I know pinching pennies all the time staying in an apartment by yourself every fourth night up at five in the morning to fix my breakfast being away fromall your friendes its not for you Bobbie believe me I know.

Tell everyone I said hello.

My love always

Jim

B not

After the mess

Hi Snooks.

My typing is terrible isn't it? Oh well. I am over at the office and I have nothing to do so I thought I would try out my one finger method.

Three boys are over in the corner playing cribbage what ever that is.

Yes Mom received the answer to her letter but it won't do any good I don't think.

Scuttlebutt is going around again that we are going over around 22 Nov, but you know how women like to gossip. Well it's the same way with this bunch. But who knows until something official comes out .

Here's hoping I see you Xmas.

All my love

Jim

T.K.

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Postmark October 29 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

Stinker

28 Oct 1951
San Diego
4:30 P.M.

Hi Snooks

How be's a gal this fine Sunday afternoon? I thought I had better write you a letter. There isn't much to do here on Sundays go to church chaw around do a little swimming oh yes it still gets hot enough to go swimming between ten in the morning two in the afternoon.

I have two letters from you. Received both of them yesterday.

Oh. Yes A.P.A. means amphibious Personnel assault. Oh.

Pay day come Wednesday oh happy day. But I will be broke. Thursdays I have to buy a new starter. I am trying to get the car ready in case I get leave Xmas. Say some prayers.

I know how you feel Bobbie. I am the same way. Out here if I keep trying to figure out way to oh well. It's no use telling you. I cannot figure out away.

I have an all night watch again tonight from six six what a life. Oh well only eight more months to do then I'll be free white & twenty one. I won't own the shirt on my back. But I'll be happy and that's what counts.

There goes chow call. So I leave you now.

My love always

Jim

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark October 31 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

Stinker

30 Oct 1951
San Diego 55
4:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

Received my first letter from you since you called this morning oh yes there is nothing like mail call.

I went on the beach today at 1 o'clock and pulled the starter, generator & battery out of the car, found out it's going to cost me almost my whole pay check this time oh well. I would rather have it broken now than on my way home. That is if I get home scuttlebutt is going arou8nd we are going over around dec 15 but I don't see no sense in having two flotillas in wespac (western Pacific) flot I leaves Thursday (oh happy day). I bet five dollars with the kid that is putting out the scuttlebutt that we won't go over. So here's hoping I win the five dollars.

It's kind of hard not to stop drinking out here especially. But shucks when I get out I have to reform. I'll come home and get a job & up in the morning work all day home at night some thing six days a week for the rest of my life I probably die of Boredom. But I can't think of a better way to die an a better place. I'll love it. Believe me.

The brakes went out of line they need relinings (a job on the brake shoe.)

I am sorry about that mistake but believe I don't even remember what it was.

If I do come home Xmas I am going to have to leave the Buick at home. I won't have enough money to bring it back out here.

Oh well it will be good for mom to have it at home. She ~~likes~~ HATES to go to church on Sunday mornings.. I mean walk to church when it is raining an cold and going to work in the mornings and coming home.

Oh I'll pick me up an old ford when I get back off leave.

Oh well I won't be able to write tomorrow night. So I'll write Thursday. So long for now.

My love always

Jim

I love you.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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Postmark November 2 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

Brat

1 Nov 1951
San Diego 8:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

How be's you this fine Thursday evening? Ah! There is good news tonight believe it or not. I went on the beach last night and all I had to drink was ONE I ONE one beer.

I received two letters from you today and this morning and one this afternoon and also one from Paul. (that boy surprises me some time)

Things are looking good out here. I mean about coming home Xmas. Oh yes I thinks maybe I will be home unless the outfit receives orders from ~~Comph~~

Comphilapore which we won't unless it is the one out of a hundred chances. So say a few prayers that we won't receive that one.

I imagine you will want the clipping you have in one of your letters so I'll return it (BRAT)

What do you mean by insulting my hair cut. I should just for meanness keep it short until I get home. But I Hope it grows out again before I get home HOPE Xmas OPTIMIST.

I am going to leave the car home when I get home reason (No finances to bring it back out here.) Paul will take over payments. And when I get back out here I pick myself up a model T. Roadster and leaving it here when & if I get discharged?

No. We don't have much time now. It gets dark around five now. During the summer they had daylight saving time on and it didn't get dark until nine but now we are only work from four thirty until dark which is 45 minutes whereas summer it was 4 hours or less.

Oh well good things never do last so I'll leave you for now

My love always

Jim

LOVES YA. I DOES (XMAS - ???????)

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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

15 Nov 1951
San Diego 7:10

Hi Snooks

How is my baby? Where have you been for the last three days? To make a long story short the boat sprung a leak a leak in the underwater exhaust system and that's where I have been for the last three day ten to twelve hours a day. What a job it was fixing it. Oh well it's all in a days work.

How is everyone around your place these days. Frankie & Lillian, Jimmie, July & Mary Redempta.

I sure wish I were home now what would we be doing??

Thursday night oh I think we would stay in unless there was a football game going on. Or would your mother stay in and watch television?

You know I have a nasty cold now my nose is running & eyes are watering & my head feels like someone has been hitting it with a sledge hammer for the last twenty four hours.

Bobbie how would you like to live out here in San Diego for two or three years? No I am just curious I would like to but and if Etc Etc. Honestly would you like to live out here for two or three years? Or I should say work out here for that long.

Bobbie I am sorry to make this so short but doctors orders.

My love always

Jim

P.S. I really loves ya I only wish I could tomorrow

(Back of envelope)
L.O.V.E. Y.O.U.

Telephone Co. Lounge

November 19, 1951
Louisville 12:45 P.M. Mon

Dearest Jimmie,

Hmmm I decided this morn to try to write to you on my lunch hour. That way I won't leave it go until the last minute at night and probably be too tired to write. Now maybe I'll be able to get some sleep.

You never did say what I could get you for Christmas. Oh come on help me out. Would you like shaving creams and stuff like that or an electric razor? Do you have one?

Mother told me to thank you for wishing them a happy anniversary. I thought maybe you had forgotten. I was going to give them some money and let them have the day off. That would be nice don't you think.

I got Mary Rose some rose colored pajamas. They are real sweet. They tie around the neck and hands. She said she was going to save them until March and wear them in the hospital.

Betty just said hello. She is going back to work now. She said Johnny proposed in the letter she received Saturday. He had just gotten finished eating rice. He is still on the front lines. He said he expects to be home by next Christmas.

Mother and Redempta were feeling real sorry for me after I hung up. Here Redempta wanted to put up my hair for me. (Nobody has done that for almost five years.) Mother made a sandwich for me and here Frankie gave me his apple. I didn't stay up very long either. I went to bed at nine. It didn't do any good for I woke up this morning at four and couldn't go back to sleep. It doesn't do me any good to go to bed early.

Father Frederick was talking to me Friday. He said he still has that letter and is still waiting for me to say yes. Father Lehmann reminded me too. He said Sister Emmanuel wants me to leave before Christmas. Heavens I wish they wouldn't say anything like that. I told Sisters that I didn't want to go anymore. But I don't guess she believes me. She told Julie she didn't and asked her to keep praying for me.

Jimmie have you gotten the candy yet? I was going to try and get those cookies made tonight.

Well gosh it is almost time to go down so I'll leave for now. Bye. By and be good

May God bless and keep you safe for me always.

All my love
Your girl

Bobbie

P.S. Well that yeoman he is crazy.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-14
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark November 19 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

19 Nov 1951
San Diego 8:10 A.M.

Hi Snooks

Just a few lines to let you know I am going out again on another observation party. I won't be back until Thursday night or Friday morning. You have to excuse my writing but I am in a hurry. I have to be down at the pier at eight thirty.

No I'll write just as soon as I get back in from the observation party.

My love always

Jim

P.S. I tore up the letter before you called I explain in my next letter must hurry.

Love

Jim

S.W.A D.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark November 26 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

STINKER

25 Nov 1951
San Diego 1:30 P.M.
21 More Days???

Hi Snooks

How be's ya gal? this fine Sunday afternoon. We got back yesterday afternoon. Boy was thanksgiving day a disappointment oh we had a good meal and all but being at sea it just didn't seem right. Oh well there is always one happy thought this is my last Thanksgiving in the Navy (HOPE)

I had two letters from you & one from Paul.

Hurray for Flaget beating St. X 48 – 14. I would have loved to have seen that game.

Tell your mother I said hurray for her making you promise not to call until after Xmas no I get home sick every time you call out here and I agree with her think of the bill. Wow especially for the last time. No it's just I get so far down in the dumps after you call.

No Snotty doesn't plan on skipping I just was thinking with both of us working we could save us enough for a down payment on a home when we went back.

You tell Johnnie I think he is nuts for thinking about coming back in.

We will talk bout (it) when I get home Xmas what we were discussing over the phone.

Haven't been going on the beach much lately about one a week. I went over last night and I probably won't go over again until next Friday (PAY DAY)

It's now 3:30. What's taken me so long but some of the boys have been telling jokes.

Oh well. Boy will be boys. What can you get me for Xmas I told you I wouldn't settle for nothing less than a million Dollars. No all Kidding aside an electric razor would be nice but I don't want nothing expensive I settle for something not too expensive. O.K. maybe a wrist watch diamond studded. No seriously a waterproofed shock Etc. I shore could use one or maybe just a cigarette lighter. Gots to be going so.

My love always

Jim

P.S. God bless you.
P.S. LOVES YA

STINKER

27 Nov 1951
San Diego 9:00 P.M.

Hi Snooks

What do you have cookin chicken yes I'll have a neck. Oh yes. Guess what happened today I put a chit in for eleven days leave. 17th to 28th yes it was approved. But the administration officer who has final say so is apt to change his mind as often as a woman. But now my chances are better.

Three letters from you today. Pardon me while I light up a cigarette. Oh yes. You tell Bennie that I said I wished I had had only three Excapades Gilbert Binder? I went to high school with a Bindner. I don't remember the fist name.

My nose (a beautiful work of art) is about half way gone and I still have the sniffles.

What do you mean I am going to have trouble with Julie & Mary Redempta.

Pardon me I just belched up some radishes I had for supper.

Went to the movie tonight and saw "Little Egypt" all I have to say is WOS!!!!!!

Bobbie it's now 2155 lights go out at 2200. So until tomorrow.

Loves Ya I do

My love always

P.S. See you soon I hope.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark November 29 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

28 Nov 1951
San Diego 55 CALIF
9:00 P.M.
19 More Days
22 Before ??

Hi Snooks

How be's you this fine Wednesday evening? Alls well in the home front I hope. I received another letter from you this afternoon I won't be able to answer it I lift it over at the barracks Yes I am over at the office Reason? Lights go out at the barracks at ten So I thought I would write from over the office just in case I did not finish (like last night)

Yes it's definite that I am getting leave from 17 – 28 Dec. So you can expect me around the twenty first you will have to excuse my writing I don't know what is wrong with me tonight I seem nervous as HI!!

I am going to try and take four riders with myself at twenty dollars apiece they will pay my way home and we are coming straight no stops except for gas & oil. Yes we will be doing perfect driving one guy eight hours or maybe four hours shift. Say some prayers that we I make it all right.

You remember the cross you sent out with the St. Chris medal well I hate to tell you this but I lost. How I had it on my dog tag chain and I used to take it off to take a shower so one day I took it off and left it in the shower and forty five minutes I went back to get it and it was gone. I inquired around about it but nobody knows anything about it. Speaking of showers I have to take one before I hit the sack tonight.

Oh yes. Remember me I am the one who loves you. Now where have I heard that line before. Oh yes they are playing it on the radio. "Hey good lookin" is almost my favorite My favorite? "Would I love you"

10:00

I will leave you for now Bobbie

My love always

Jim

Give everyone my love

P.S. Here is a little poem Mom sent me about eight or nine months ago. I think it's cute.

P.S. Please send it back.

Tis you I love and shall forever,
 You may change but I will never,
 Time may come when we must part,
 But time will never change my heart,
 Some fairer face may beam on this,
 Some sweet lips touch thine,
 But no heart could love the better,
 Than this little heart of mine.

I.L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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 SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark December 2 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

STINKER

2 Dec 1951

San Diego 10:30 A.M.

Hi Snooks

How is my gal? this fine Sunday morning. I just got back from church. 9:00 mass here at the chapel. I made a small detour to the office and had a cup of coffee on the way back. I saw a 37 ford coupe that I would have to get my hands on it had a Carson top smittys & twin exhaust pipes. Rebuild motor only one thing the top needs recovering and the paint job needs a little work on it if he still has it after I come back off leave I will try & get it. Oh well it's counting my chickens before they hatch.

Oh well live and let live I say.

How come two of them oh they are bringing a lot of L.S.T.s out of mothballs so there is the reason we train them. The observation parties is to find out how well they have learned their training.

How did you like navy beating army 42 – 7 an notre dame over Southern Cal. 19 – 12. They were some games to see. I heard them over the radio.

Oh yes I made it tonight to the pun that is

Oh yes the candy arrived it was good too (unusual isn't) I had it about ten minutes.

Oh well yes payday was Friday and believe it or not I am not broke today. Reason trying to save money to come home on. I have sixty dollars up in the safe.

Now you have kids How many? Have an six???

Oh yes I received Paul's check that is part of the money I have in the safe and I am supposed to leave two weeks from tomorrow. (I hope) say some prayers that things go right in the next two weeks.

You complaining about blood tests I have had four of them since I have been in & probably have two more before I get out.

11:45

Chow is closing. So until tomorrow night

My love always

Jim

Loves ya

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark Dec 4 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

3 Dec 1951
San Diego 8:45 P.M.

Hi Snooks

How be's you this fine Monday evening Love??

I had two letters yesterday evening & one this afternoon. So I will try and answer them all tonight.

Oh yes I put fifteen of last Friday's pay in the safe, and I still have eight dollars left surprising isn't it

Oh in the cartons put vitamin pills instead of Diet & you told me you were using fingernail polish. (Now what do you have to say)

Bobbie please don't plan on anything yet please because in case something does come up you won't be disappointed.

You tell Mary Redempta I still have plans of becoming a bachelor unless someone changes my mind. (Bachelor for at least another year. As the saying goes time will tell.

You always write "Please be good" you know I am always good (Bad JOKE HUH)

Yes I am still coming home only trouble is I have one rider so far & I would like to get two more. So.

Why only eleven days until well too make a long story short that all I could talk him out of.

No. I wise? in just as soon as I get home for four more days. Maybe I will get it and maybe I won't. but as I told you there are only two of us that can coxswain the boat. And the other one gets transferred to the receiving station for discharge on Dec 31st 1951.

O.K. Bobbie I say a prayer for Mrs. Lewis. And we will have dinner at Mrs. Lewis if we have time I'll get in on the twentieth & Have to leave on the twenty fifth unless I get an extension Yes I'll get a reservation on the eight P.M. bus for Nashville Xmas night unless I get the extension as the say goes all good things must come to an end. (I am not implying that this letter is a good thing

My love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YOU I DO

P.S. See you soon

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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Postmark Dec 7 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

6 Nov 1951
San Diego 6:30 P.M.

Hi Snooks

Howdy Gal how's my gal this fine Thursday evening

What have I been doing? Nothing much except working I have the car all ready for the trip back home all I need now is the Leave and the money & some riders I have one and he is a maybe. And I have a few more maybies. I wish I could find out something definite about riders.

Oh I won't ask you what your problem is but it would be better if you told someone about it ? question who is it that isn't going to like me for losing him to just anybody???

Bobbie I don't want you to be surprised at anything I do when I get home. You will know what it is when I get there

What am I throw the (dust) forty two fifteen each does that answer your question

Bobbie I have a sore throat I am hoarse and my head is all stopped up so will you excuse me now

All my love

Jim

P.S. Loves ya I do

P.S. see you sometime Thursday night 12/21/51 (I hope)

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark December 11 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

STINKER

10 Dec 1951
San Diego 8:15 P.M.

Hi Snooks

How is you this fine Monday evening well exactly one week. From today I will be somewhere in New Mexico (I hope) I had four letters from you this afternoon and one from mom. The one from mom was a surprise first one in two months believe it or not. What did she have to say. Oh nothing much except that we are invited up to Aunt Kate's for Xmas Dinner oh well something will be worked out by the time I get home.

You will have to excuse the pencil my pen went out of ink and no one has any ink.
So

You tell Redempta that some day she will learn how to say yes.

I tell you what since you like beer so well one night I am home we can tie one on.
O.K.?

Yes some people have to work and some don't lucky I am in the bunch that don't
you know a good days work would kill me

I don't know the size of my shoulders but my chest is forty two expanded (not
bragging either)

Dennis menace was cute. Well I usually make nine o'clock mass but they only have
two one at six thirty and I am never up at six thirty

Oh there is still same question on whether this guy wants to sell it or not his son
left it at home when joined the army, and this guy doesn't know whether his son wants to
sell. How much has not been said yet but if he says two fifty I'll gladly pay any thing
above that negative.

Yes I am off the fifteenth & sixteenth but we don't get paid until the seventeenth
so I can't leave until then. So I'll have to leave home Xmas night to get back in time.

All right. Ma you settled for five about five o'clock mass Xmas morning is
something O.K. if I can get out of bed.

All right. I'll settle for some kisses but not candie kisses either.

Want to bet about reservation on a bus you make it about eight hours before the
bus leaves.

Before I read this letter I was out on a boat run and when I finish it and while I was
reading it I was drinking a cup of coffee & have to write mom a letter before taps and it's
now 9:15. So I'll leave for now see you soon.

All my love

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA.

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Postmark December 16 1951

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

TOMMORROW 12 NOON

16 Dec 1951
San Diego 6:00 A.M.

Hi Snooks

Hows the Gal this fine Sunday afternoon and Who is Betty Ann? Oh. Yes now I remember. O.K.

O Yes I have one rider as far as Oklahoma City and another probable off the L.I.M.R. 536. They just returned from Frisco and the guy and them was stationed here on the base for awhile he said he was going that was while he was here on the base. I wrote him a letter telling him I was going to leave tomorrow. I haven't heard from him but his ship was due to get here at noon today so maybe he will see me before tomorrow.

I received your last letter yesterday but I left it down in the boat.

Bobbie I won't be able to call you tomorrow but I am leaving around noon, and I expect to be home Thursday sometime probably Thursday evening (if I don't have any troubles. Say a few prayers that I don't have any.

I'll leave you for now ~~with all my~~ Excuse my writing.

All My Love always

Jim

P.S. see you soon Real soon

Love Jim

POSTCARD

Postmark from Houston Texas

January 7 1952

Miss Barbara A. Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville, Ky

Hi Bobbie

We go here last night. Boy I was really tired. We went in town today and my goodness it makes Lvil look like a small country town. Tell Jimmy Hello and I'll write to you real soon.

Betty Ann

"I've got my eye on you"

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark January 5 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

4 Jan 1951 [sic]
San Diego Calif 9:00 P.M.
184 Days

Hi Snooks

How come I didn't phone this evening. Well it's a long story and to make it short I got my check but I couldn't get it cashed today. I know you told me to phone collect but no Bobbie I didn't want to. No no more of these long phone calls. I'll call tomorrow night. I just hope you don't get mad.

Oh Yes I had a pleasant trip back I didn't get up to make the seven o'clock bus I made the eleven o'clock bus out of Louisville I thought I was going to be late for awhile until I caught a special out of El Paso. I arrived out here four o'clock Friday morning I should say this morning. Bobbie I am tired as hell. No I couldn't sleep I the bus last night it was too cold. So I am going to go on to bed so until I call tomorrow night

My love always

Jim

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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark January 10 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

Stinker

9 January 1952
San Diego Calif 8:00 P.M.
179 more Days

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Wednesday evening? I sure wish I could get rid of this dam headache. Wow I have had it now for two days.

Yes, I received your letters this morning all three of them at am time. I sure say let me give you a run down on my activities since I have returned. I arrived in San Diego around three thirty a.m. Tuesday morning I went and got me a room at the Knickerbocker Hotel and a half pint. I took me a shower and had a few and then went to bed. I was up at six fifteen I caught the seven o'clock boat for Navy amphibious base. Then when I got

back I found one of my engines had a broken push rod & rocker arm. So I replaced them and fixed a small oil leak.

Oh yes. Tell Don that last Monday I saw the DE 697 along side the Bryce Canyon. She was getting underway when I last saw her. I haven't seen her since then.

To continue my tales I wrote you a letter Friday night and to show how tired I was I don't even remember what was in the letter.

Then Saturday morning we made the liberty run at seven o'clock came back stood inspection and then I went to noon chow. Then I went on the beach. What did I do well I saw a movie until I called you. And after I called you I was so far down in the dumps I went out and got good and drunk. Why I was trying to forget yes forget that you are back home and wishing that you were out here with me. Yes Bobbie I miss you terribly. Oh well only one hundred and seventy nine more days and then who knows and I that many days I will have a choice to make that will change my whole life yes I have this one is ship over But we can rule that one out. So that leaves two. I can get me a job on the railroad and try and retire in forty years or I can get together five hundred dollars and open me up a gas station somewhere. I think I will try to last one. And then if that don't work I can always go to the railroad. Oh well time will tell.

And what is this saying you already have a lot of people you want to be in our wedding Bobbie its getting late so until tomorrow night.

All my Love always

Jim

P.S. Loves ya I do.

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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Postmark January 12 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

1952

Stinker

11 January 1951
San Diego 6:30 P.M.

Dearest Bobbie

Hi sweetness how be's you this fine Friday evening. Me oh, I am way down in the dumps and as usual I am broke well almost. I still have five dollars and I intend to have it come pay day. Oh Happy day. Oh yes I received a letter from you yesterday and one this morning. What happened last night? We had a run out to the mouth of the harbor right after chow. We didn't return to the base until nine thirty last night and was I tired Wow!

Tell Mary Redempta that I wish her happy birthday and here's hoping she has many many more of them and I am hoping I can enjoy the next one with her. and you tell her that she can be bridesmaid if she wants to.

How is everyone there was there anything wrong with Mary Rose except what (whose coming) when Don took her to the doctors the other night?

Oh yes for your information on the way down here I weighed in Memphis Tenn and my weight was one hundred and ninety two lbs.

You know what they are playing on the radio now. "What a fool I was to fall for you: only six more more months and then? ?

Oh yes I am over at the office right now. Oh yes you know what I am going to do on my birth day. I am going to try and get tickets to the Bet your life T.V. show up in Hollywood and pull a long weekend up there. Wow! Oh well

You never did say what you were going to give me for my birthday? Maybe a million hugs. (KISSES.) O.K.

I am going to stay around this weekend and catch up on my sleep (6:54)

Bobbie you should be out here now. Oh well all I can do is wish. Maybe some day we can come out here on our vacation O.K. there I go dreaming again.

They are having some boxing bouts down at the base gym tonight at eight I think I'll stroll down there for awhile to see what's going on.

So until tomorrow night.

My Love always

Jim.

P.S. I love da hell out of ya.

L.Y.

Postmark January 14 1952

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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

BRAT

13 Jan 1951 [sic]
San Diego 55 Calif

Hi Snooks

Here I am over at the barracks so I will run through your letters and see if I have missed any of your questions.

Was mother mad at me for staying up so late New Years Eve. No she wasn't in when we got in she was next door playing cards.

I am sorry I did not call the Friday night I was supposed to but I told you the story on it.

Bobbie I am going to keep all the pictures you sent if you want them back just say so before it slip my mind I won't be able to call the fifteenth I call the night of the sixteenth O.K.

Who knows about going overseas. They wouldn't let us know until three weeks before we go. Scuttlebutt says we are going to stay here.

The call was five dollars and eight five dollars.

What did I do well this morning I went to church and then went over to the office and drank some coffee then went to chow and went back to the office and read a book. Then I came back to the barracks and started writing this letter.

Yes I brought my peacoat back. I wore my brown suit.

What am I going to do tonight Well I thought I would go over in town and see a movie and have a few beers. (Beers).

Bobbie sometimes life seems so useless I don't know what it is. Maybe your letters do it to me. They make me want to come home again and stay. Oh well

Say have you decided on a date for the wedding (?) I have but I won't tell you. By the way I haven't even asked you. (Yet) O.K.

A lot of my buddies have been discharged oh well it's less than six months now.

Bobbie I hate to make this such a short one but until I see you again.

My love always.

P.S. I miss you terribly Bobbie. God bless you.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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Postmark January 15 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 724 Cedar Grove Court
 Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

Stinker

Yes you

14 January 1951
 San Diego 55 Calif
 6:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How be's you this fine Monday evening? What in the ? is this letter I had to spend a half an hour trying to figure it out to read it Oh well all is fair in love and war.

Listen I won't have you talking about certain parts of my (anatomy) (body to you B not) oh yes things are looking up tomorrow night they are giving away one thousand and fifty dollars over at the movie in Coronado. How come so much well they draw one number a week for fifty dollars and if the person isn't there they add it on to the next weeks. So at the present time it stands at one thousand and fifty dollars and if no one answers it will go to eleven hundred the following week.

Oh yes I received a letter from Paul today surprising isn't it? Oh well I'll

Did Mary Redempta have a nice birthday? And ask Frankie if Santa even came and took his train back? O.K. I'll be expecting the cake.

Remember the old saying "Early to bed early to rise make a girl healthy wealthy and wise? And you don't fit (yet).

I have never heard of ? Sheboygan Wis. So I wouldn't know.

Oh yes tomorrow I take the exam for second class. Here's hoping I make it and if I don't oh well better luck next time O.K.

I am going over and try and win that thousand dollars tomorrow night and if I do look out. Wow!!!! And then maybe. Huh? I am just not lucky enough tho. Oh well that would be asking to too much.

Well until Wednesday night I see you in my dreams Bobbie. I love you.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. Does this answer your P.S.

Love you

I love you

My right hand

L.Y.I.D.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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Postmark January 19 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

14 January 1952

San Diego 5:45

Hi Sweetness

How be's you this fine Friday evening? Yes there is good news tonight and I mean it to. After last night I am strictly on the wagon until the night I get in Louisville after my discharge and don't forget that promise you made me.

Oh you have the wedding date set there is two hitches one I haven't asked you and you haven't said "yes" Ha.

O.K. The Denner clipping is on its way back with this letter. Oh yes and also a picture of one of the boats I am on with part of my head sticking out the window. How do you like it?

Bobbie I so dam tired after working all day. Will you excuse me if I make this a short letter. Thanks sweetness.

My love always

Jim

P.S. Loves ya.

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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Postmark January 20 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

19 January 1951 [sic]
San Diego 8:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How be's you my gal this fine Saturday evening? I am over at the office now.

I am sorry I sent such a short letter last night but I was so dam tired. Excuse me while I go get a cup of coffee. Oh the coffee is good want a sip?

Has Paul told you his good luck yet? If he wasn't I guess I had better not say anything about it. O.K.

You know after I wrote last night I went right to bed and past out so

Oh yes. I didn't tell you but I had a dream night before last and what a dream what was it ah it was a dream and I am kinda hoping it comes true. We were married had been for a hew years and we had a house on the Parkway with two children. I had a couple of sailors? Working for me and we were set for life. Oh well it was just a dream but here's hoping it comes true.

Oh yes I went thru my locker today and counted the letters you have written to me guess? One hundred and eighteen. That's a whale of a lot of letters believe me. I'll think I'll just keep them and when I get old and gray I can do some remembering. O.K.

I went to the movie tonight here on the base. What was the picture, "B Night Victory. That was a movie & a half. Did you see it? If you haven't I advise you to see it.

How is everyone there. O.K.

How nice it would be to be home tonight. I would give a million dollars if I had it just to be home tonight with a discharge right now. Now thinking about it makes me home sick. Oh well only one hundred and seventy one days left. Say I have to write a letter to mom and Paul before I go to bed so

My love always

Jim

Loves Ya

S.W.A.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark January 25 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

20 January 1952
San Diego 55 6:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my baby tonight?

How come you to call tonight since I waited until the seventeenth to call. I knew you were going to call when you make up your mind to do something you do it come H or high water.

I received your two letters today the ones postmarked the eighteenth.

You tell Johnny I'll talk to him when I get home. I want to go to work at the railroad you know I haven't a gift gab like Johnnie has. Maybe I couldn't take care of a milk route and there again at sixty dollars a week maybe I could and how come you want to set the wedding date in November?? There must be some reason except the one you gave me and how can you set the wedding date when I haven't even asked you yet (Ha) oh I'll get around to it some day (quit calling me a rat. I know that is what you are thinking isn't it?

(answering your letters)

Nothing much. That is I haven't been doing much except sleeping and working and don't you believe me. Yes my headaches are gone. No nothing has happened to it. It's not quite back in condition. It needs painting which they won't let me do now.

We have had seven inches of rain out in the last week. I finished it around two thirty so I came over to the barracks and washed out some socks & Dungarees. And then I hit my Pack. Then they came over and picked me up saying you were calling.

BRAT

24 Jan 1952

Howdy Gal

How come? Well Bobbie every I don't know. It's just every time you call I just go to pieces inside of me. I guess it's love. I know this is a hell of a way to show it. You know how it is. It's just a funny feeling inside of me. It's you being there and me here.

I have two letters from you. I'll try and answer them.

Yes, the slanting stripe over the sleeve means four years service. O.K. you are one we will go to scales?

What do you mean you would like to be a boy just for a month or so? And what is behind it oh well. I do think you are a little off your rocker.

O.K. you are one and I will take you to the ice show when how about Wednesday night O.K. I'll pick you up at seven it probably starts at seven thirty

O.K. what did I do today? Well I went to church at 9:00 AM this morning and then walked up to the office this morning and drank a cup of coffee and read a book. went to noon chow went back up to the office and finished my book.

Yes Bobbie I do miss the car very much but I hope Paul is using better than I did. No one is going to drive to Hollywood. I am going to take a plane up and from there who knows.

Bobbie call Sunday I am third? At six P.M. your time O.K.

Bobbie I'll be home around the thirteenth of July I hope and I am praying that nothing happens us this wicked old world again.

Those boats over by the docks are L.C.M.s Landing Craft Mechanized. The boat I am on is the captain's gig. You say don't rack my brain about the two hitches. All I have to say is What brain? (Ha).

You say you want the wedding to be November (Why) and on what day in November.

Bobbie I have a question so ask. O.K. Do you plan on working after we are married?

You don't worry about Jimmie when he gets drunk. He can take care of himself when he is drunk.

Well, Bobbie, it is getting late so I let you go to bed. O.K.

All my love always,

Jim

P.S. O.K. You win November.

P.S.P.S. I loves ya.

S.W.A.M.K.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark January 28 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court

Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

27 January 1952
San Diego 3:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How be's you this fine Sunday afternoon? Oh me I just got back from the swimming pool. Oh yes the sun is real hot today.

You should have been out here oh what a day not a cloud in the sky.

I received two letters from you this afternoon. Was I surprised.

No nothing happened to me. As I know of the movie next week is going away. Eleven hundred & fifty dollars so I have to be there again Tuesday.

Oh well the weather must be getting rough back there two below zero.

Yes the rain has just about washed everything away.

So you have been stepping out while I have been away. (Going to dinner that is). You tell stinkie I said hello when you write to her. I said that you never know a good place until you have it. O.K.

Bobbie I am making this a short one until tomorrow night.

Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES & LOVES THE HELL OUT OF YOU.

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark January 28 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

20 January 1952
San Diego 9:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How come two letters in one day? (No I am not sick)

Here I come back to the barracks after the movie and all I had to do was hit the sack. So since I didn't get up until eight thirty this morning I thought I would write a letter to you.

I was just thinking about what I am going to do when I get out. I thought I would try and get on the Railroad and then if I couldn't get on there I would take that milk route Johnny offered me if it's still open.

(Don't fall over dead)

Where are we going on our honeymoon or have you got that far yet?

Oh me. Have you decided what day in November that we are going to get married on? Oh well that is ten months off yet. So let's wait a while before we go into that.

You know I only have one hundred and sixty five days more to do.

Most of my buddies have been transferred now. You know time seems to pass slowly now since I am watching the calendar.

No Bobbie I think I am going to buy me a model A Ford and bring it home with me. Oh well let's wait and see how things go in the next month or so.

I don't think I'll go to Hollywood on my birthday. Oh well let's wait and see when it gets here. It seems I have a hell of a lot of time on my hands since I came off leave. I am trying to save some money before I get out but my efforts to date aren't very good.

Bobbie I want to make you a promise. I want well let's put it this way. The first or second night I am home I am going to celebrate and I mean celebrate. But after that I want to promise that I won't get drunk again. I will drink a beer and high ball now and then but that is as far as it will go. O.K.

Tell everyone I said hello will you.

It's getting close to taps. So until we meet again

My love always

Jim

P.S. Love you

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark February 4 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

3 February 1952
San Diego 55 10:30 A.M.

Hi Sweetness

It's been a long time since I've written I know but we have been out on operations. That is observing parties. They are bringing a lot of L.S.T. & L.S.M.s back into commission and the flotilla command has to set up a training exercise for them that is when I come in observing these excursions.

I found five letters from you here at the office and two from Paulie. It surprises me how mail accumulates to fast.

Oh yes Bobbie I haven't got your blouse yet but as soon as I am able to get an afternoon off I will. O.K.

So Johnnie and Alice were pestering you while you were writing. Huh. How is Charlotte getting along? Has she learned how to walk without any help? Yet she should have by now.

You know the sun is shining beautifully today out here. I think I'll go swimming after you call. You said you were going to call around one thirty my time. So I will be here at the desk waiting for you to call.

Now who is this that thinks you are real mean and you wait a whole year for it and something happens to it. Who & what you are not mean you are shall we say too easy going.

I like your joke. You know shrimp boats I think it has plenty of corn in it.

You know what Paul had to say in his last letter well you should know by this time anyway that he passed his physical for the draft board and is going to join the navy. Well that's his business but it puts another if in our plans maybe. Oh well I can't have my cake and eat it too.

It's all most chow time now so I'll say so long. See you in July.

My love always

Jim

P.S. Loves da hell out of ya

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark February 5 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

3 February 1952
San Diego 55 1:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

Here I am again awaiting for your phone call. I could've gone on the beach today but instead I am here waiting for your phone call. I hope you do call. You should be mad at me for not writing but I couldn't help it.

So how about you and I taking a stroll over to Balboa Park this afternoon and just lay in the grass and just nest me. I love the smell of the good green earth. It's been a long time since I have had a chance to do that. I would like to do it pretty soon too.

What in the world is Redempta doing dreaming about Red Heads anyway.

Bobbie I have changed my mind again. I am not going to Hollywood. I don't know why. I just don't feel like going any more. All I want is my time to pass so I can come home.

No I haven't heard from the test I took for N.2. I probably won't hear about it until April the first.

Yes those two letters I received from Paul last night one was written on twenty eighth and the other one the thirty first. All he told me was that he passed his physical and that he was going to join the navy. But you know how he is always threatening to do that. So I am as much in the dark as you are.

Did you tell Stinky I said hello? You'd better or I'd come home and get you. It's now 1:45 and I'll finish this after your call.

4 Feb 1952
San Diego 55
8:55 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Monday evening? I told you Sunday or yesterday they put me behind a desk. I keep a set of files on work request sent to this command and keep up the jeep and help the boat engineer when he needs it and standing O.O.D. watches. That is what I am doing now.

I received two letters from you this morning. I was a little bit surprised.

Ha. Do you know that it took me all day to write those letters. Yep. It did too. Do you know what I did after you finished calling well instead of going swimming like I said I was going to do I went over to the enlisted mans club and played these games of rotation pool and drank two glasses of beer and a bag of pretzels.

Whoa. Not so many questions me. I am feeling blue as usual. Why Because I am here and you are there and that doesn't add up to two O.K.

Yes the Captain's gig is coming along fine it's in tip top shape. No I haven't had any more colds.

Yes we all agree. You are a little nuts just a little.

What have I been thinking of lately Oh you know snails gals and puppy dog tails and what have you been thinking of lately bedroom suits, getting married???

I hope you aren't disappointed or I should say mad about me not asking you to marry me over the phone. Remind me the first night I am home.

Secondly tho Bobbie I want it as bad as you do. And we until November twenty seventh which is still a long ways off. You ask me what will happen to the car when Paul leaves. Well I reckon either it will be sold or sit out front until one of us gets home.

You know only a hundred and fifty five days left now. Do you know that as of to day I have sinned? One thousand three hundred and five days in this navy.

Well Bobbie the letter that I'll enclose with this one is one I started after you called yesterday. So long for a while.

My love always

Jim

P.P.P.P.S. LOVE YA I DO.

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J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

288-14-13

COMLANSHIPFLOT 3

Postmark February 8 1952

NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

7 February 1952
San Diego 55 6:10 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Thursday evening? You will have to excuse me for not writing as you have probably seen in the newsreels. The R.O.K. sailors taking over the P.C.s 600 & 485 L.S.S.L.s 91-77 well they are down here in San Diego and we have the job of supplying them with spare parts and tools and of all the paper work that goes with it. But they are leaving next Friday not tomorrow for the western Pacific and thank goodness too.

You know I have three letters from you here that I haven't answered so I will try and answer them tonight O.K.

You know Bobbie that the song, "Till the end of Time" is one of my all time favorites. Did you see the picture of the same title with Guy Madison and Dorothy McGuire? Yes it was a tear jerker but I liked it very much.

Yes you are lazy getting up at seven and leaving late for work. That's a bad habit to get into.

Yes the place where Paul will take boot camp is just an hour's bus ride from where I am stationed. Oh yes I'll see him almost every weekend if he comes down. If I said.

You were speaking of a babysitter (Good) I need one. She must be twenty years old brown hair about five foot four weight one hundred and five lbs and most of all her name must be Ha Bobbie think you could qualify for the job?

And speaking of bed room suits was this a twin or single bed offer? What type wood did it have? And what color?

You said you bought a set of dishes and may I ask who they were for? Your mother and dad or us?

To be a fact I am eating a piece of cake & drinking a cup of coffee right now. It's spice cake and boy is it good. How about coming over and having some. Instead I'll bring a piece over. O.K. be down in fifteen minutes. O.K. (I am going a little batty) too.

Before I go completely nuts I sign off until tomorrow night.

My love always

Jim

LOVE YA I DO

P.S. I called home Tuesday night I talked about three minutes. Found out what the scoop on Paul was.

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark February 9 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

STINKER YES YOU

8 February 1952

San Diego 55 8:00 A.M.

Hi Sweetness I loves ya.

How is my gal this fine Friday night? You know we have personal inspection tomorrow and I am glad we are having it it's one of those things that make me hate the navy. Yes I mean hate it too. I never thought I could hate something so much but I do.

H? in I have two letters again from you. You know the rest of my girl friends don't write as often as you do. I know how come. (DON'T BELIEVE THIS). Ha. I only have two others besides you and you know them quite well or you should. Their first names are Alice & Lillian. Guess who?

I told you in my last letter what the scoop was on my not writing the L.S.S.L.s of the Koreans.

Yes my hours are regular. No from 8 – 4 unless I have some extra work to do like the deal on the L.S.S.L.S.

Oh me things sure are rough out here now. No Bobbie not rough just lonesome. I guess it gets on my nerves some times. Like right now I feel like going over and getting stinko but not tonight because tomorrow is the weekend and I am going over for tomorrow night anyway. How about and I going out to Big Stone lodge tomorrow night. It country as H – no it's about 35 miles out of San Diego. O.K. We'll leave at seven thirty. O.K.

Oh! Oh! Bed time.

My love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YOU

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

Postmark February 13 1952

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 NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
 SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 724 Cedar Grove Court
 Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

STINKER YES YOU

8 February 1952
 San Diego 55 8:00 A.M.

Hi Sweetness

Just finished playing some cribbage. Have you ever played any? It sure is an interesting game believe me if you haven't.

Excuse the fountain pen. It has its minor differences as you can see.

Oh me only eleven more days and I'll be twenty one years old one third of my life shot away gone that is. Oh well. Here's hoping I will be as happy the next two thirds of my life as I was the last third. I know I will bobbie if you will spend it with me? Yes you can call this a proposal (that damn fountain pen) But I do want to ask you again after I get home.

I miss you more and more every day bobbie. It's not loneliness. The word for it is love. I have never wanted any thing more in my life than I want you. And marrying you, it's just something I can't explain.

I want to get married and have a happy life. Yes marrying where we are going live, how many children we are going to have, three or four?

I know there are a lot of if, ands and buts to it but I am going to have it and with you if you will have me.

What did I do over the weekend. Well I spent Saturday in town seeing a movie.

Bobbie I went to ship service to get you a blouse and they did not have the type you like. So if you don't mind I'll wait until Friday and get you one. O.K.

You know I don't like this desk job. Oh it's Bore some and interesting at the same time well some days I have just enough to keep me busy and other days I don't do a thing but sit.

Yesterday I got a call to the boat it had broken down and believe me it was a pleasure to work on it what was the trouble? Oh they had a frozen injector and I had to replace it no they don't have a man on the boat qualified to work on it and so when it breaks down they come to me.

I am also what you would call a [J up]? Dispatcher and maintenance man.

Oh well that enough about me how about you Bobbie seriously would you [remember]? What I asked you the last night I was home? No. I didn't think you would. I guess I live until July.

Whoa not so many questions at one time. #1 the job is O.K. #2 No. I did not they have given the money away the week before #3 I weigh one hundred and eighty five lbs #4 my waist measurement is thirty four. #5 what have I been doing here of late. Oh dreaming of the day I get out and last but not at all least the day we get married. Are you satisfied if not try a chesterfield. (they satisfy) (JOKE)

Well bobbie Here until we meet again

My love always

Jim

P.S. Loves Ya.

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J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.

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 NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
 SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
 724 Cedar Grove Court
 Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

DUTY TONIGHT

13 February 1952
 San Diego 7:10 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Wednesday evening yes I finally have the duty again

No nothing serious though I did sit here in the shack until ten and then I secure and came back at six thirty in the morning. So it isn't to bad. Excuse me while I get myself a cup of coffee. Oh it's good want a sip, just a sip O.K. here (NUTS YES ME) oh well no harm in dreaming is there?

Oh yes I received two letters from you today. Both mailed Monday. So I do rate? Too.

What did I do today? Oh I sit at my desk today and twiddled my thumbs as usual satisfied and the barracks are in the same order too.

I have a feeling that you think I am no good at a desk job. What are we going to do tomorrow. Oh we could take in a drive? In O.K. oh back there would be Sunday we we could go down to the park and lay in the grass and do nothing O.K. O.K. we will do it.

Say I am going to call Friday night you don't mind do you. Excuse me I have some work to do. FRIDY 8:00 my time 9:45 P.M.

O.K.

Whew that was some work sorting some dispatches So as it is as late as it is I am going to leave you for now. Until then

My Love always.

Jim

P.S. Loves ya I do

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark February 18 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

17 February 1952
San Diego 55 12:30 P.M.

Hi Stinker

Yes you. How is things going at home? Well I guess Paul is going to leave tomorrow for San Diego. And if he does I'll see him next Saturday. Say did he ever say what he was going to do with the car. I imagine mom will sell it or let Alice drive it and here the reason I left it at home I didn't think they would take Paul. O well that's life.

Best I be answering your letters so you have already bought the wedding or I should say you are getting ready to buy one. Say did you notice what was on the back of one of the pictures? Bedroom suites oh well for the life of a husband for me. And I send back the pictures with an O.K. on one. I hope it's the one you like.

Yes you should try for the job of Babysitting. There is only one catch to the job it's a permanent job. It would last a life time.

You tell frankie that I called his gum? A Hogleg. You tell him he is a little pest just a little one.

Just for the record I am drinking a cup of coffee right now (No remarks please?

R.O.K. sailor is the Republic of Korea and P.C. stands for patrol craft and L.S.S.D. is an old L.C.I. which stands for landing craft infantry. Do you understand now nut NUT yes you

You know I have only one hundred and fort two days left to do one hundred and thirty three on this base. Oh happy day when I et discharged. Hooray! Hooray!

No. I didn't 'get stinko any more Bobbie just a few beers like Friday night I had a few not to many. I had had about three when I called and then I had three more after the finished talking to you and that was that and I came back to the base and hit the sack. (SACK THAT IS)

Right now I am standing the duty you are on for the beer and ham sandwich.

Say Bobbie. I'll see you when I get home and until then

My love always

Jimmie

P.S. Loves I do.

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE

Postmark February 19 1952

SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

18 February 1952
San Diego 55 8:00 A.M.

Hi Sweetness:

How is my gal this fine Monday evening? I received a letter from you today the one you wrote Friday night. Say before I go any ~~fold~~ further did Paul leave today for San Diego? If he did I wish you would let me know. No one has said anything about him leaving Except that he was supposed to leave.

So you excepted my proposal O.K. all I can say is I hope you will never wish your hadn't done it. It will be a happy fifty or sixty years we will have our ups and downs and yes we will have some arguements. Bobbie we won't say anything more until I get home that is I mean we will work out all the if ands & buts, then O.K.? Bobbie I am going to make this a short one. No I want to go to the movie here on the base here. (My Favorite Spy)

All My Love Always

Jim

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
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SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark February 22 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

STINKER YES YOU:

21 February 1952
San Diego 55 8:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness:

How is my gal this fine Thursday Evening? All's well on the home front.

Say by the way did Paul get my telephone number from you before he left?

Say how about a sip of my coffee? O.K. I'll be right there to give you one.

Not to be nosy but one letter I receive from you the way you talk Mary Rose is in the hospital and I mean she has had her child and in another letter it is still on the way. Question just what is the status now? And I would like very much to be the Godfather? If it is O.K. with Every body back there and it can be done by proxy.

O.K. you win Bobbie. I'll get you a blouse next pay day if it kills me. And it probably will kill? Me that is.

Bobbie I almost fell thru the floor yesterday what happened? I received a letter and a birthday card from mom and believe me I was surprised.

Bobbie I drank a few beers that Friday night a few more than I should have but not quite a few. O.K.

Bobbie I'll be home as fast as I can as soon as they hand me my discharge papers which will be in one hundred & thirty eight days. Bobbie I have? just as bad as you do. Sometimes I think I'll go nuts before my time is up. I want to be home so bad [sic] it actually hurts.

Yes we got the injector fixed what was wrong it look like it got a little water in it and froze open.

Paul should be coming in tomorrow So I guess I'll see him next Saturday the first of March that is.

Oh bobbie how I wish you were out here now here I am again getting that aching in my heart. Oh well it will go away in July. O.K. I loves ya bobbie very much.

My love always

Jim

P.S. Loves ya.

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark February 25 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

24 February 1952
San Diego 55 2:15 P.M.
135 DAYS

Hi Sweetness:

How is my gal this fine Sunday afternoon? Out here the sun is shining the air is nice. How about going over to Balboa Park and just laying around and looking up at a

clear blue sky with a few small white clouds slowly drifting by. Oh me. I sure wish I were home now, Bobbie.

You always say your crying Please don't cry. Because it doesn't do you or me any good and I will be home in four months and two weeks. And then we will have a little fun.

You know it's going to feel funny being on the out side again.

Yes bobbie you want to live to see seventy. Life is so short bobbie yet its also long and dreary. But we will do our best to make it happy and we'll live bobbie.

No bobbie I won't do you dirty you know that I am crazy about you I love you bobbie I want to marry you. I was worried about you not wanting to marry me but after you and the family sang Happy birthday to me over the phone I am not worried. I know now that we will get married and raise us five (Boys as you put it) to be fact I already have the first name J. A. Dale Jr. Bobbie we will talk about the if ands and buts when I get home there isn't to many of them when you start thinking about them but we will thrash them out when I get home.

Bobbie you talk about it and I dream about it when I get home July will be home real soon. And then Quien Sabe

Bobbie I am going swimming so until I see you in July.

My love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA.

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J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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Postmark February 27 1952

SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

You STINKER YES YOU

26 February 1952
San Diego 6:00 P.M.

Hi Sugar:

How is my baby tonight? Happy, sad, or blue or mad? Or all mixed up into one
Guess what happened yesterday I received 2 letters four cards and a box of
cookies who from Littens & 2 cards from you a card & Box of cookies from my aunt Kate
and my cousins that are living with her and another one of her daughters who lives a
block away. And boy the cookies were good.

Bobbie I am just going to write a few lines tonight because tonight is show night
over in town they are giving away two hundred dollars away tonight and I have a feeling
that my number is coming up tonight so just a few lines O.K. say a few prayers for me
O.K.

Say Bobbie the word you would want to put in behind split up wouldn't be for good
would it?? You know Paul & Lillian splitting up? In answer to your questions I haven't
heard a thing from Paul the last letter I have from him was the one that he says he is
going to leave home the eighteenth of February. So you see I am as much in the dark as
you are.

I sure wish you were out here to go to the show with me. Afterwards we would
stop in Oscar's derive for a sanwich & a cup of coffee. And then may if it wasn't too late
we could go over to the Paris Inn and do some dancing. Oh bobbie July had better hurry
up and get here and I do mean hurry up as you said that I said, "that's life."

You let me know when Mary rose goes to the hospital I would like to know when I
am going to have a nephew or two nieces?

Thank you for wishing me a happy birthday and thanks for the cards. Say are you insinuating that I am a looney hind? I thought so me work land[?] never. Oh well that's life.

Look stinker I have to be running now so

My Love always

Jim

.S. LOCES YAS LIKE I LOVE A SUNNY DAY

L.Y. L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
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Postmark March 2 1952

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724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

STINKER

1 March 1952
San Diego 10:00 A.M.

Hi Sweetness:

How is my baby this morning? Probably working your fingers to the Bone. (Ha). Oh well that's life.

I received your letter this morning the one you wrote the twenty seventh. I am sorry I haven't written but they have been keeping me busy up to the office.

Me thinks you might be twenty years old but from your letters it seems you are only two and a half. Oh well enjoy life while you can.

Yesterday was pay day so I went over last night no I didn't either I went over and saw a movie (Love Story) Boy what a movie you should see it. Then I walked down to the Paris inn and had two beers believe it or not (Ripley)

Boy the weather out here is rotten all last night and up until this morning just a few minutes ago. The wind was a blowing and raining. Then the sun came out. Now it is clouding up again. So maybe it will rain again.

I am going over this after noon and buy that blouse, a white nylon size twenty two right? Let's hope. I am a good judge of womens clothes.

Oh you missed out yesterday it was your day to hook HOOK a man (that question is debatable) oh well better luck next leap year? You know bobbie I wonder what we will be doing next leap year. I have my ideas on that (oh Happy day)

Say next pay day I send you five dollars for the christening dress O.K. it's just that I am running a little short this payday (as usual.)

Oh oh the rain has started again dam it oh well if I am going to wait until it stops before I go into town.

Yes, I have been dreaming Bobbie that's about all there is to do now adays. I keep wishing you were out here with me. Oh dam it anyway here I'll be crying in a few minutes (Not outside inside)

Yes I was a junior but when he died the junior came off my name so when we have one he becomes Jr. and I become senior.

Bobbie why don't you start asking about those ifs and I'll see if I can answer wish frankie a happy birthday for me.

Quien Sabe means who knows.

Oh well Bobbie I'll have to be going so

My Love always

Jim

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J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark March 3 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

And the wind blew. WOW

2 March 1952
San Diego 55 Calif

Hi Sweetness:

How is my gal this fine Sunday evening? what did you do today? Oh yes what a day out here. Have me a pretty fair time last night. I just wish you were out here to enjoy it with me. Yes I am all most broke again But I am happy. No not happy just relieved a little bit

No it's just that I keep thinking of how nice it would be to be home instead of out here and after so much thinking I think I am going nuts. Maybe I am already. (No comments from you). Hear me.

Boy the wind has been going all day, a typical March day out here how about back home? Oh yes I got that blouse yesterday afternoon. I hope you like it and if you don't let me know hear. It took me over hour to pick it out. I had that poor girl worn to a frazil. She probably gave a sigh of relief after I left. They mailed it for me. It kind of surprised

me when she said the store would mail it without a charge to me. I almost fell thru the floor.

After I finish this letter I am going to write a letter to my aunt thanking her for the cookies a card no I haven't done it yet.

Bobbie I got a little sceme working I am going into town tomorrow night and if things work out the way it should I will let you know tomorrow night. But if it works I'll have a little money when I get out.

Say how about a sip of my coffee. I have cream and sugar in it. Do you like it that way?

Gee Bobbie I wish you were out here. I miss you something terribly. We could have gone to the zoo today. We could have taken a ride up to long beach. Bobbie here I am dreaming again.

I have to write some more letters so I leave you go for now.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH.

L.Y.V.M.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark March 5 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

4 March 1952
San Diego
126 MORE DAYS
7:45 P.M.

Hi Sweetness:

How is my gal this fine Tuesday evening? Feeling pretty Good? How about taking in a movie? O.K. when will we go? How about the Rialto. What's playing? Good. I'll be down in ten minutes.

Oh damn there I go dreaming again. Well maybe it's doing me some good.

Oh yes I received two letters from you this morning.

Say you remember that scheme I had in my letter Sunday night – well I went over yesterday afternoon and tried to get a job. No I went to an employment agency, and she too my name and talked to me for about fifteen minutes and said she would call me if anything comes up I could work six hours a night and earn a little money before I got out.

Say believe it or not I bought the blouse Saturday that should be put in believe it or not.

You know I was just wondering if I will ever get used to the Kentucky weather again.

I'm sorry to hear that your aunt Lil died very sorry.

Sorry about not offering you a cookie but now there isn't any left. Yes I have already answered the cards.

I am sorry to hear that Paul and Lillian have broken up but "that's life: yes bobbie everything will work out O.K. for us. Bobbie I want to be home but my uncle sam says no and you know when uncle same says no he means No.

You had better watch out sister Emmanuel might take me away from me. Think not Huh. Got confidence haven't you.

I don't believe you I wouldn't worry too much.

Say no I still haven't heard from Paul this last letter I have he said he was on the way down (Big JOKE.

And what your mother said might be true five years from now.

Gollies[?] Bobbie I want to be home now so bad it hurts you know I had a fisherman's dream the other night you I only have nine months of freedom left. (oh happy days)?

I work a half day on Saturdays yes I went thru St. Cecilia's with a Buddie Cecil but it doesn't look like him.

Say I have to take a shower before taps so

My Love Always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA

L.Y.W.L.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
288-14-13
COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark March 7 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

6 March 1952
San Diego Calif.
6:00 P.M.
124 More Days

Hi Sweetness:

How is my gal this fine Thursday evening? Oh the days are getting shorter and longer at the same time I wish I could go to sleep and wake up June thirtieth when I get transferred for discharge. But as it is I cannot.

Oh yes I had two letters from you today one post marked the third & the other the fourth.

I just come from chow. Boy was it good. Meat cutlets. Ice cream cookies macaroni & sauce carrots & peas, milk, lettuce salad, mayonnaise, beets. Etc. etc.

I am getting to hate this desk job. It's not bad when I can keep busy eight hours a day. But usually I am busy about two hours a day and I sit around and think the rest of the time about when I get out and what I am going to do. Oh well. I should ask for a transfer but I only have the hundred and twenty four days to do. So they won't transfer me

Snow this time of the year but tut[?] you should be out in california the temperature out here was up in the eighties today. And I did go swimming Sunday. No kidding you should be out here. I am going nuts just thinking about you living there & me out here. I love you bobbie very much. Very very much and I want you out here. But as you said that's life well it won't be too long now.

O.K. Bobbie I won't call you early any more. Good for you didn't lose your temper today you deserve a medal.

I don't think you will reach the age of three. So I think you'll be a safe bet.

No Bobbie mom wouldn't care. Well I guess you don't know her like I do. But you will have to. Bobbie the reason she didn't think it was right for me to come down so late on the nineteenth of Dec was because I was tired I know I sat down a ate a couple of eggs and when I stood up I fell back across the stone that was the reason she didn't want me to come down.

Bobbie about your other questions they will just have to wait until July and then we will see how things are then and we will sit down and thrash things out then. I do know bobbie if you want to get married the twenty seventh of November we will get married the twenty seventh of Nov come Hell or high water. O.K.

Well Bobbie I am going to the movie tonight so

My Love Always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA. LOVES YA A THOUSAND WAYS. BUT MOST OF ALL I LOVE YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE YOUR.

Love

Jim

L.Y.

J.A. DALE EN3 U.S.N.
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COMLANSHIPFLOT 3
NAVAL AMPHIB BASE
SAN DIEGO 55 CALIF

Postmark March 9 1952

Miss Bobbie Dearing
724 Cedar Grove Court
Louisville Kentucky

AIR MAIL

8 March 1952
 San Diego Calif.
 4 More Months

Hi Sweetness:

Just received two letters from you this morning I was surprised too this morning I had one from mom too. Boy was I surprised. WOW.

Yes I have the duty this afternoon. Oh me that's life. How is everyone in the family these days? All well and happy I presume. Yes after today I will have less than ~~three~~ FOUR months to do. So it won't be too long now. (Oh Happy Day)

Be back in ten minutes going to check on afternoon mail. O.K. no mail for dale I the afternoon mail oh well better luck next time. Pardon me ~~will~~ while I put on a pot of coffee. Would you care for a cup? How about just a half a cup O.K.

Say Bobbie I won't be able to call until the seventeenth of March. How come Pay day comes on the seventeenth this time. O.K. let me know if you are working that night hear.

No news on the scheme yet.

Hey how about a cup of this coffee. Mmm good. I haven't done much out here. Just work and lay around the barracks all night. I ~~fell~~ FEEL sorry for someone who has to go to work when he gets out of the navy maybe it won't be too bad. (I hope) OH WELL that's life. Another day another dollar. Bobbie did you ever plan on any thing for the first night I get home? I wish you would and let me know will you I would like to know what's on your mind (if you have one) JOKE)

Seriously Bobbie I wish you were out here now. We could be having us a wonderful time

I had a bad dream last night well you might call it bad and then part of it was good what was it uh we were married and we were having a big argument. I don't remember who won the argument but we had a time making up again – WOW.

I sure would like to see you lose your temper just once would be enough.

Oh I finally broke down and wrote mom a letter on the fourth.)satisfied)

Tell Lillian I said hello too.

I wouldn't worry about us going broke during February & March.

It's about that time so

My Love always

Jim

P.S. Loves you I DO

LY.

11 March 1952
 San Diego Calif
 7:40 P.M.
 119 DAYS

High Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Tuesday Evening? Guess what happened yesterday I received two letters from you one from Paul and one from the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company with an applications blank in it. I just finished filling out the application blank. Yes if they will have me. I am going to go to work for them as a Machinist apprentice for ~~for~~ FOUR years in their shops

What happened last night. Well I borrowed two dollars and I went over on the beach and had a few beers. No no danger not enough money.

Yes Pauls letter explained a lot of things that I have been wondering about. And oh yes I wrote mom a letter Sunday on Saturday. Well as I always say that's life oh yes Pauls letter explained an I should say took care of some of the if, ands and buts there is no news from that Employment agency. O ME. O MY. Ah for the life of a Civilian.

Oh yes I just finished drinking a cup of coffee. Wait until after we are married and you will be able to rag me. O.K. just kidding from your letter it sounds like we were already married.

Say that's a good Lenten? Rule about the television.

Say have you decided where we are going on our honeymoon. Hmm I thought so. Where?? Maybe.

In answer to your P.S. how could I be anything but good when I am broke.

Bobbie you shouldn't cry why well the [sic] Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry alone.

Oh yes I broke down and wrote Paul a letter ask Paul what a fisherman's Dream is.

I sorry to hear that you dad has flu. I am going to take a shower so

My love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA I DO.

L.Y.

Oh Happy Day

12 March 1952
San Diego Calif
118 More Days
Love You VM
9:45 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Wednesday evening and How is my nephew to be and my sister in law to be that is. Everyone fine Good. I said the Rosary you asked me to say last night for them. And I may, may I ask when are they coming home? I received your letter dated March the tenth this morning. I want to ~~see~~ SEE tomorrows letter and I'll bet you I find out what color eyes Little Johnnie has. Wanta bet that you write and tell me tomorrow. O.K. your on for a dollar.

Say what PX you working and one you working five to eleven now????

I think I told you but I will tell you again. I can not call until Monday (17 – March). So let me know if you are working 5 to 11 so I won't call until 1 o'clock my time. O.K.

Want a sip of my coffee??? Hmm I thought so oh oh lights out.

My Love always

Jim

LOVE YA LOVE YA

T.S.T.S.T.S.A. LY.

STINKER YES YOU
BRAINLESS TOO

13 March 1952
San Diego
117 Days
8:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my baby tonight? And how is Johnnie this fine Thursday evening? & Mary Rose. Ha you owe me a dollar on that bet I made you. you didn't exactly tell me the color of his eyes but you did give me a description of him. So cough up.

I don't know but rumors are going around that pay day will be Saturday so I might call Saturday night. I don't know whether this letter will reach you in time.

I want you to thank Don for the cigar. Yes, I received two letters from you this afternoon one post mark the eleventh and the other the twelveth. I don't know but I am suspecting that there is only one plane a day that brings the mail out. One was pick up 8:P.M. on the eleventh and the other 10:30 A.M. on the twelveth. You must have mailed the one on the twelveth from the telephone co.????

Pardon me while I get a cup of coffee. (Oh that's better what a sip). Oh yes I smoked Don's cigar as soon as I got it and it did not make me sick like you said it would.

You tell mary rose that I asked you to ask her why would she feel sorry for me when we have our first one tell her I said it isn't myself that is having I'll only have half interest? In it.

What would I wish if I could have three wishes well first one would be I'd wish that we were married second that I was out of the navy and third? Well I will have to think a while on that one because is all I would want right now to be a fact I would settle for just two wishes.

Yes it will take me to the thirteenth to get home. But it all depends on when the [sic] release me. So you can be looking for me anytime between the twelveth & fifteenth O.K.

Yes I typed the address on the letter the sixth did I tell you I filled out my application for the L.&N. Railroad no I haven't sent it in yet. No I am waiting until I write a letter to go with the application. The position I apply for is Machinist apprentice. I'll have to serve an apprenticeship of four years but I can retire at the age of 53 and after thirty years that is.

I am sorry to hear that Little Johnnie isn't feeling too good. I'll say a few more prayers. Maybe it will help some.

Well Bobbie I wish I could say only 17 more days but as it is I must say 117

I love ya gal more than you will ever know. Oh gosh how I wish that I were home now. But that's life and we can't change its course. They say all good things must come to an end so

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVE YA YES I DO VERY MUCH

NOTE IN WITH THE LETTER

Dearest Jimmie

Jimmie if you only knew how mad I was last night. I was going to hang up. Heavens? I bet you didn't even know what you were saying. I guess not after asking me four times & how every body was at home. What did you do after you paid your

L.Y.

T.S.T.S.T.S.A.

Hi STINKER
YES YOU

16 March 1952
San Diego Calif
2:00 P.M.
116 MORE DAYS

Hi Sweetness

How is my girl this fine Sunday afternoon?

I received your letter this morning the one that was post marked the thirteenth.

Hmm it is raining out here again. It's rained more in the last three months here than it did the three years before.

I came right back to the barracks an I should say based just after I finished calling you last night I slept real good to for once. Usually I toss and turn and dream all night long. They are playing "be my life's companion" on the radio right now. What a song.

I said a few prayers for Little Johnnie this morning in church. I hope he is better and is getting along nice now.

I bought myself a pair of shoes Civilian shoes that is and then pair of socks now next pay day I guy myself a couple of shirts and the following pay day I'll buy a couple of pair of slacks and by the time I get out I should have a fairly complete wardrobe.

How is the snot tonight? Oh I can't complain I am as you might put it existing not living just existing until July ninth and then I start living oh me well that's life

No I haven't gained any weight since the desk job.

Oh me what a life here it is still raining I wish you were out here with me could go in town to a show or maybe take a run up to Los Angeles and do some sight seeing.

Have you seen sister Emanuel lately? Oh just wondering. How are Julie & Mary Redempta these days and did your dad ever get over his cold.

Well I have to write a letter to mom. So until tomorrow night

My Love always

Jim

LOVES YA VERY MUCH

TELL EVERY ONE I SAID HELLO

T.S.T.S.T.S.A.

LY.

Hi STINKER

19 March 1952
San Diego Calif
8:10 P.M.
111 More Days

Hi Love

How is my one and only this fine Wednesday evening? Good. How is everyone there. You must be mad at me for something because the last letter I have from you was post marked the fifteenth? Please write and tell me what it is? It must be something?

Boy am I tired tonight Sunday night the boat engineer that took my place on the boat got sick and I had to go back into my old job and boy I am plum tuckered out. I didn't realize how much work there was to it.

Oh yes I went over to the movie last night over in Coronado. No it's up to four hundred dollars next week.

I still haven't sent in the application to the Louisville & Nashville R.R. yet.

I am glad you like the blouse. I wasn't sure you would like it or not.

Yes bobbie when I am not working I am always busy thinking of you wishing you were out here with me thinking of the times we have spent together the things we have done, the things we haven't done the things we could of done if I hadn't been in the navy. Bobbie I hate to make this so short but it's getting late.

Oh yes I just finished a letter to mom before I wrote this one.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES THE H___ out of you.

" SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS

LOVES YA

20 March 1952
San Diego Calif
8:30 P.M.
110 More Days

My Dearest Bobbie

I just hung up the phone and as you can probably figure by my letters I am no good at putting my thoughts into words but tonight I will try.

You want to postpone the wedding date why. You said because you think we won't have much. I don't know what you call much. I just want you to remember one thing. "a baby must crawl before it can walk." And I want you to write and tell me what you think is enough. Because I know all I want is a small apartment for awhile. So we can save us enough to buy us a house, an old car good enough for us to get around in. and I know this job I am applying for with the L.&N. won't pay much at first but it will lead to bigger and better things and it's a life time job.

Maybe your [sic] afraid of me because of the condition I was in when I called last Saturday night afraid because I might do the same thing when I get out. I wouldn't worry if I were you. Bobbie I saw too much of it in my family and I don't even want to do it after I get home.

I know you are lonely so am I bobbie. I want to be home with you very much because I love you bobbie. I have been lonely for the last three years & ½. I did not actually realize how lonely I was bobbie until I met you. You changed my whole way of thinking my whole out look on life I love you bobbie very very much.

Bobbie you ask me what a "fisherman's dream" was well bobbie it's a dream a man has where he doesn't have intercourse. It's a dream of having intercourse it's natural as having a night mare.

We only have one hundred and ten more days and then I'll be free until Nov twenty seventh.

I like to Hear, "the Little White Cloud that Cried" better than, "Cry."

What have I been doing oh nothing much except working and thinking of the day I get out. Yes, flotilla there is going overseas around August the first and my scheme isn't working out like I thought it would.

Bobbie that clipping in the paper about them letter men (in the army out.) could you find it and sent it out to me.

You can go to bed now.

All My Love always

Jim

P.S. God bless and keep you safe always for me.

Love you Bobbie

Jim

A STINKER HI

21 March 1952
San Diego
6:00 P.M.
110 More Days

Dearest Bobbie

How is my girl this fine Friday evening? Tomorrow is inspection day. So I have some shoes to shine after I finish the letter and some soxs to wash. Oh me what a life!! Oh me oh my. I received a letter from you this afternoon the am post marked the twentieth.

When I started reading your letter I had just come back off a boat run. Dam I wish Myers would hurry up and get well so I could get out of the boat again. Oh me I am now satisfied in the navy. My face is just burning from the sun and wind and red I look almost like an indian.

Oh it's just raining out here for awhile. Any way. (I hope) I am going swimming tomorrow if the sun is out. Want to come along? Yes they allow dependents in on Saturdays & Sundays O.K. I'll pick you up around one. (there I go dreaming again.

Yes they are brown shoes. No no think soles. Yes I'll have everything I'll need for a couple of years.

Bobbie I was sort of disappointed last night after I talked to you. No not because you called but because of what you told me about postponing the wedding now that I have had time to think it over maybe you are right. Let's just wait and see and talk it over when I get out.

No bobbie I didn't think you were stuck up when I first met you. I thought you were about thirteen and cute for that age. Now I find out you are not over two and a half (mentally that is)

Oh yes I sent the application back to the Lou & Nash last night along with the letter I sent you. Maybe I'll have an answer in a couple of weeks.

Oh yes the results on that test I took for second class ought be here soon within the next two weeks.

Oh oh 2 hours to run to make the last movie.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA.

P.S. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE ALWAYS

L.Y.

24 March 1952
 San Diego Calif
 6:30 P.M.
 105 MORE DAYS

My Dearest Bobbie

Hi Sweetness how is my girl this fine Monday evening? I received your letter (22) today.

Oh me I am fine I had an awful weekend. No I went over Saturday afternoon and went out to the zoo out in balboa park. Oh me what a day. I wished you were out here to enjoy it with me but you said no.

Now who are Martha and Medina No wonder my ears were burning all day Friday. Were other things that were said about me good or bad? I'll bet I know one. I could almost bet what was said – (HA)

Oh yes, surprise I received a letter from mom yesterday no news on Paul according to mom. He is still loafing. Have you heard anything yet.

The boat engineer just got out of sick bay this afternoon so tomorrow I'll be up to the desk job again.

Boy they had me running today on the boat from N.AN. to .ASKARI TO NAB TO ASKARI TO FLEET LANDING TO N.S. TO ASKARI TO N.A.B. TO N.S. TO LST 901 TO N.A.B. then it was 4:10 P.M. time to secure

I don't know why you want to postpone the wedding date. Oh me well that's up to you. Come to think of it it might be a good ideal to postpone it until well again that's up to you. But let's wait and see how things are going after I get out. O.K.

Say did you ever find that piece about them letting regular army personnel out three months earlier?? I sure would like to see it.

No news from the Lou & Nash yet but I hope their answer is good. Say a few prayers with me will you.

Say did you ever decide what we are going to do the first night home??

I am sorry to hear that Redempta sprained her wrist was it her right or left hand?

I am glad to hear that Little Johnnie is home now. Is he gaining weight steadily?

Oh yes mom sent a picture of David along with her letter he had the prettiest smile I have even saw on a picture.

Love I hates to make this so short but I have to write a letter to mom before movie time.

My Love always

Jim

God bless you and keep you for me always.

P.S. Love you bobbie very very much

L.Y.V.M.

Jim

26 March 1952
 San Diego 55 Calif
 8:30 P.M.
 104 More days

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Wednesday evening? Fine. Good. I am glad to hear. Boy was I surprised today I received one of your letters yesterday and 2 to today.

Where was I yesterday or I should say last night I went over to Coronado to the movie no no one won. It's up to four hundred and fifty dollars next Tuesday. You know if I would stay out here long enough my number is bound to come up. But I am afraid I'll have to leave come July.

Just as soon as the engineer (BOAT) got out of sickbay the bowhook? Turned in and I am still on the boat. What was wrong with him oh he had a ingrowing toenail and they cut it up so bad he can hardly walk.

I just finished taking a shower & shavi9ng and I feel like H???. my tonsils have been bothering me all day.

Hey what a sip of coffee, better watch it. It's mighty potent stuff.

They say no news is good news. Nothing from L.&N. and nothing from the test I took for 2nd class either it's due in anytime now

What do you mean a nice cold [?] night? Ha my back feels like it's as fine I had my shirt off today for about three hours. No it hasn't blistered yet. No I don't think it will either.

Just call you slowpoke for year to finish a table cloth.

I am surprised at Lillian. She doesn't act like the type that can bake. Oh well some people surprise you.

Oh yes you noticed on one of my letters that the stamp was up side down you know what that a sign of don't' you it means I am in love.

You know if I were home you wouldn't be sleepy nor cold. Oh damn it bobbie I wish I were home now.

Bobbie maybe you are right and maybe you are wrong. Let's just wait until I get home about postponing the wedding.

Bobbie I love you very very much. It won't be too much longer before you know it I'll have less than ninety days and then we will be on the down hill part. So I'll see you in July.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. Loves da night out of ya (XXX) 3 50cent kisses

LOVE YA
Jim

L.Y.V.M.

27 March 1952
 San Diego Calif
 8:00 P.M.
 103 More Days

Dearest Bobbie

How is my gal this fine ~~summer~~ SPRING night? Boy it's so hot out here I'm beginning to think it's summer. I received two telephone calls today one around eleven thirty this morning and one around six thirty tonight where was I both times well this morning I was over at sick bay giving a pint of blood and at eleven thirty I was eating a big juicy steak and tonight I went to the movie night after supper and it didn't let out until seven thirty. I am just hoping it was you. Yes 2 am worried again maybe it was mom. But if it was important (don't take this wrong) they would have left a operator number for me to call when I came in so I imagine it was you.

I received your letter this morning but I am going to wait until tomorrow to answer it. O.K. no it's just that I am feeling bad. Tonight it's my tonsils again if they are sore in the morning I am going to turn in to sick bay. So if I don't write for a couple of days you will know they are cutting them out. O.K.

I wish I had been here when you called. But on me that's life. D____ I feel bad I am [?] I am going over to sick bay in the morning.

Boy wouldn't it be swell if I were home. Home tonight. I could pick you up eleven where would we go? I know let's take a run out to lookout mountain O.K. good see you tonight. I am going to quit dreaming. I'll go nuts before my one hundred days are up. Oh my mother told me there would be days like this.

Bobbie will you forgive me if I made this short? I am going over to the barracks and get in bed.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. Just Loves & Loves & Loves ha.

L.Y.

Hi Stinker
Yes You

30 March 1952
San Diego Calif
1:30 P.M.
100 MORE DAYS

Dearest Bobbie

I received your two letters this morning also an answer from L.&N. what did they have to say. Oh that my application would be given due consideration. That's about it. No yeses or nos. I went over into town last night. No I just had two beers and came back to the base.

No one said anything about you trying to call. No. between six & eight all they said was that some one had call.

No wonder my ears are burning all the time. You all are always talking about me.

I haven't seen Paul's letter yet. Maybe it will be in tomorrow's mail. About the fifty dollars I'll write and tell mom to let Paul have my income tax return if she hasn't already used it. Yes it should be home by now. Or if my insurance check comes in before he leaves I'll send him some of it.

N.S. stands for naval station and Askari is U.S.S. Askari (ARL 30) a repair ship.

I have something to put in Ripley Believe it or not I was up a six this morning and I went to six thirty mass. Boy this is a dreary day out here. No sun. cloudy but it is warm.

So Paul is going to be leaving home around the fifteenth of April. Yes that puts a lot more if & ands back into the picture again. But we will get around them somehow.

I guess mom will be selling the car now that Paul is leaving home now. I just have one question. Is it definite that he is leaving?

Bobbie I wish you were out here with me. I miss you so much. I hope you never know how much I do miss you and I love you very very much, Bobbie very much.

Life seems to be in such a mess now. All it take is a few more months to clear it up.
O well "That's life" I'll see you in my dreams.

God bless you Bobbie

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVE YA.

LYLY

Hi Stinker

1 April 1952
San Diego 55 Cal
10:20 P.M.
98 Days

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Tuesday evening? Feeling good huh. Oh not to good why? I know why bobbie. I am the same way lonesome

I just came back from the movie over in Coronado. No not this Tuesday either it's up to five hundred next Tuesday oh well better luck next time still no news from L&N. oh yes the results on second class came in yesterday. No. I didn't make it. I don't know how come but my name wasn't on the list.

The boys that were on watch last night said you tried to get me again last night. I wished I would have been here. Yes as you know by now yesterday was payday. I paid a few debts and bought me a pair of blue NAVY pants & some NAVY shoes. That was almost twenty dollars. And I bought your white orchid yesterday so I imagine it will be there in time for Easter. I told them to have it there for Easter. How much wouldn't your like to know. I hope you like it.

Oh yes I thought you wasn't going to call until Easter Sunday????

Oh yes I mailed a letter from you today? You know the one you started Saturday & finished Sunday.

Bobbie I wished you wouldn't run[?] like you do. Here you lay your head down and fall asleep that's a bad sign your working too hard.

It won't be long now bobbie it's down in the two digits now. Just a few days over ninety more. Before long July will be here and then we will begin to live again (oh happy day)

Bobbie didn't I send you five dollars for the christening I am pretty sure I did send you a five dollar money order. If I didn't let me know and I send it again.

Bobbie the yeoman wants to hit the sack so I'll let you go now.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. Love you bobbie very much

P.S. Lots of Love & Kisses

L.U.V.M.

Hi Stinker

2 April 1952
San Diego Calif
8:00 P.M.
97 More Days

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Wednesday evening?

No I am up here at the office. I thought maybe you would try and call tonight. Here's hoping you do. Bobbie I was just thinking of what I want out of life. I am not thinking of much, a home, maybe a car and to be able to retire when I reach fifty or a little bit older.

Oh house somewhere in the Shawnee district or maybe Portland. Not a big one just a five room house maybe six rooms, a car to go back and fourth [sic] to work and a good job with the L.&N. something I can stick with and make a career out of it.

Bobbie maybe we can get married in November. It wouldn't take much. We could find us a good used refrigerator for may a hundred, a new bedroom suit maybe four hundred and a kitchen set shouldn't be much over fifty dollars and with both of us working we could buy us a house in a year or so. And then we could start thinking about other things.

Bobbie I plan on buying the rings as soon as I et home. I should have enough on me to buy them. Oh me, "that's life."

Bobbie I am missing you more and more every day. The way you take your shoes off of you are wearing heels when we get in the way you smile. I love you bobbie and I don't know maybe it cause your you [SCRIBBLING]. That is what I done while I was talking to you over the phone.

Bobbie it's time for me to cut out again here it is 10:05

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH

L.Y.

3 April 1952
San Diego
8:30 A.M.
97 More Days

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal tonight? Good I am glad to hear it. You know it was good to hear your voice last night over the phone it gave me a funny feeling when you laffed at that moment I would have given a million dollars to be there then to hear you. You know after you called I just signed your letter and mailed it. And I wanted to go over and do some drinking to help me forget that you are back there and I am out here. But instead I went to the barracks and hit the sack. I couldn't go to sleep for a long time. I just kept thinking about different things some important and some not so important.

Boy that sure gave me a working over today this L.S.T. squadron one came back from overseas about a month ago and naturally they brought their boat back with them but no fireman or engineer. They haven't had one for at least six months. It finally got down to where I had to work on it and I did what I did oh I changed oil and the lube air filter changed the primary and secondary fuel oil filters and cleaned the fuel strainer, checked the timing on the injectors and checked the valve lash? Cleared air silencer screens. Reset the governor greased the transmission and oiled the generator and starter and boy believe me it was a job. But I felt kinda tired and it was a good feeling after sitting around the office here and doing I SAID almost nothing.

Bobbie I won't be writing tomorrow night no why. I am going over in town tomorrow night and see Jerry Lewis & Dean Martin in "at war with the army." Damn I wish you were out here to go with me. Then oh what a time we could have. I loves ya gal

My Love always

Jim

P.S. Loves ha very much.

P.S. You never did tell me what your dad said when I read the Fisherman's dream

L.Y.

Hi stinker

7 April 1952
San Diego Cal
8:30 P.M.
92 MORE DAYS

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Monday Evening? Guess what? I have the duty tonight. No it's almost enjoying it. It breaks the monotony of sitting around the barracks at night anyway.

Well tomorrow night is show night again Damn it Bobbie I sure wish you were out here to go with me. Oh well I hope I live until July anyway.

No bobbie. I have a routine now. I only go on the beach Friday, Saturday and Tuesday night. And believe it or not I have a whole six dollars left from last payday. What do I do on Friday and Saturday nights or I go over to the Paris Inn and sit around and drink a couple of beers and maybe dance a few dances. Who do I dance with. Oh some of those California girls your mother talks about no seriously there's a couple of girls that come in on Friday and Saturday nights who work out at the aircraft plant. And I wouldn't exactly call them girls either. They are a little older than girls one are around thirty one and the other one's around thirty five. And we just sit around and talk and bat the breeze you might say and dance a few dances. I just wish it was you instead of them Bobbie.

O.K. Bobbie I'll be here around five Saturday night. And I won't hang up either. I'll send you five dollars next pay day. O.K.

I was looking at some suits over at Forman & Clarks last Saturday only forty five dollars. I think I'll buy one this pay day or at least make a down payment on it and pick it up the follow pay day. Forty five dollars + sounds too bad does it.

Guess what I finally got a letter from Paul today. I come near falling thru the floor.

No I am not going to answer it. I'll talk to him Saturday night. Oh. ME. I guess this is it until tomorrow night

My Love always

Jim

P.S. Loves ya very much

L.Y.V.M.

Hi STINKER

10 April 1952
San Diego
6:30 P.M.
89 More Days

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Thursday evening? Oh me. You know I feel kinda bad this evening. How come oh I have a cold and it feels like I am running a fever.

You know I received a letter from you today post marked the sixth of April. I wonder how come? Oh me who knows except uncle sam.

I am sending a poem along with this letter I hope you like it. I thought it was pretty cute. (L.S.T. TOPSPEED 11 KNOT, DES 35)

I told you last night about the out fit getting a new Jeep didn't I?

Your snot? Is fine tonight except for the cold. It isn't warm either it's raining out and the wind is hitting about twenty five M.P.H.

So you think your dad can fix steaks wait until you taste my southern fried chicken. You will never want to go home.

I wouldn't worry about Paul going into the army. I think the army and navy have the same physical qualifications. So?????? Tell him I'll talk to him over the phone Saturday.

O.K. I'll look or as you say it price Some refrigerators & bedroom suits out here and oh well let's wait & see until I get out.

I would have gone to the movie tonight but as bad as I feel I am going to hit the sack as soon as I finish this letter.

How is everyone these days? To catch? A phrase.

Bobbie damn how I wish you were out here with me now damn it anyway I wished you would have said yes instead of no that last night I was home. I am getting lonesome Bobbie. I have got it so bad that sometimes I think I am going nuts. Bobbie I have to get up early tomorrow to go to church so

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH!

STINKER

15 April 1952
San Diego
1:30 P.M.
84 MORE DAYS

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Tuesday afternoon? I don't know how come I didn't write last night after I hung up. I went to the movie and after the movie I went straight to the barracks and bed and to night being movie night I thought I had better write to you this afternoon.

Did you listen in on the call last night? Oh yes I received your pictures last night. Charlotte look like she had been falling down on her knees a lot and you you look like you had about three too many. How come? (you have me wondering!)

Oh yes the clipping on male High was real interesting. I wonder what the out come of the situation will be.

Yes I am at work now writing this letter. It's a wonder they don't raise H____ with me for doing it. Oh well I don't give a d____ whether they do or not.

Let me know whether or not you have to pay for that call Sunday night.

I hate to make this so short but work is calling (Ha)

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH . VERY VERY MUCH!!

P.S. Excuse the pencil

Included inside this letter was a 1935 Liberty wheat penny

Hi Stinker

16 APRIL 1952
San Diego
7:00 P.M.
83 MORE DAYS

Hi sweetness

Bobbie how I wish you were out here with me now. I am so far down in the dumps that it's pitiful I want to be home and how I want to be home.

Question number one did Paul leave last night? I am giving odds that he didn't did he? Oh well I'll probably find out in tomorrows mail.

How if everyone these fine spring days back there. You know what I miss most of all (Besides you) these spring days back home when you can see the flowers & grass grow. The smell of spring in the air.

No no one won at the movie at the movies last night. It's up to six hundred next Tuesday night.

Oh yes I received the letter you mailed the fourteenth today.

O.K. Bobbie I'll have the pictures made sometime before I get out. O.K.

Listen Bobbie you tell Marrion that I just wish she was out here in my shoes and I was in hers. I asked you to come out here with me and you said no. and ask her if she stays home during the week. I'll bet she don't.

Bobbie I have to take the Jeep and make a run over to naval airstation so I'll leave you now.

My Love always

Jim

LOVES YA VERY MUCH

L.Y.

Hi Stinker

20 March 1952
San Diego Calif.
2:10 P.M.
78 More Days

How sweetness

How is my gal this fine Sunday afternoon.

No. uh I am fine. And I am feeling as fit as a fiddle. Except for the dam cold of mine.

I received two letters from you yesterday morning. One was mailed the sixteenth and one was the seventeenth. The one on the sixteenth had the pictures in it.

The suit you have on in the pictures I like but that hat. Oho my goodness. You can't fry meat and you can't pick out hats either.

Bobbie on that phone call tonight I am going to have to call collect and send you the money next pay day. Is it O.K.?? yes I have a little money. But if I pay for the phone call I would be broke again. And how come I wish I knew.

I don't know whether the phone strike is still on or not. So if I don't get thru don't be surprised.

I don't know what is wrong with Paul now a days. Boy I am going to square him away when I get home. Bobbie I wish you would write and tell me what the trouble is between Paul and Lillian but I have a good ideal what it is but write and tell me maybe I am wrong. I don't know.

Oh me bobbie how I wish I were at home now. Oh well only seventy nine more days and I'll be home (I hope) and then we will start to live. I just hope we can get married in November. I think that is a little early but how bad I do want to get married. Oh me. I just hope I don't go nuts between now and July. The way I feel now I will. I want to be home with you so bad now it's pitful.

Oh me I have to write mom a letter so I'll let you know what the story is on Paul when and if I hear it O.K. until tomorrow.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH