

STOMLER

22 APRIL 1952
San Diego Calif
2:00 P.M.
78 MORE DAYS
At work

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Tuesday ~~evening~~ AFTERNOON

No tonights movie night so here I am up here at the office writing this.

I am sorry about not calling Sunday or I should say not getting there. I sat up at the telephone exchange Sunday night from seven to eleven ~~our~~ MY time and I asked the operator how much longer she said it would probably be another hour or so so I told her to forget it. Boy I was burning up after sitting there that long and her not calling and telling me it was going to take longer than a couple of hours.

Oh yes I received a letter from Paul yesterday was I surprised. I almost went thru the floor. Oh well maybe it was luck ~~He~~ ~~do~~ not going in the army but all he told me that he wanted to get married when we did or a Double wedding that's about all he told me. Wanted me to write and let him know what I think.

I received two letters from you today hon I was surprised two letters in one day what happened last night oh I got off work and went down to the barracks and laid down and fell asleep and woke up at three this morning.

Oh yes I'll call next Thursday not this make it Wednesday night.

Bobbie I have to go to work so I'll talk to you on the sixteenth

My love always

Jim

WILL CALL APR. 30 7.P.M. M.T. L.Y.V.M.

Hi Snooks

2 May 1952
San Diego 55
1500
69 More Days

Hi Sweetheart

How is my gal this fine Friday afternoon? I am sorry I didn't write last night but I have been mighty? Busy no one of the other boats had a cracked head and it's a three day job replacing it. And I only had a day & a half to do it in so that the night I called you the first time I called I had just knocked off work. Then it was eight o'clock out here and last night I worked up until five and then I went to the ball game over in San Diego the paders were playing the seals the padres won 4 – 2 it was a good game too

How is everybody now adays. I hope every thing is fine me oh I am O.K. just in a little trouble. Oh I'll explain it to you when I get home. I don't know how many more days but it's enough I just guessed when I put in sixty nine more days.

Bobbie I won't be writing until Monday because there are a bunch of us leaving to – night for los angeles so we are going to pull a week end up there.

Bobbie damn it I wish I was home now. Damn how I wish I were home now. I miss you more and more every day. If the navy won't let me out I think I'll go nuts. Bobbie I wish I could write a longer letter but work is calling

With all my love

Jim

P.S. LOVE LOVE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH

5 May 1952
San Diego Calif
64 MORE DAYS
9:30 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my girl this fine Monday evening. I received two letters from you today. How come one was post marked the second and the other the fourth?

How is everything going back home. Bobbie I don't know which is worse, hearing from you or not hear HEARING from you I read your letters and I want to go come home. Well I only have of sixty four more days maybe I can live between now and then if I could only go to sleep and wake up and it would be time for my discharge.

How is the snot tonight oh about the same. Still have the cold no I am not doing anything for it.

Oh Bobbie just reading your lettes make me home sick I want to see you so damn bad.

No bobbie you would be wasting your money if you flew out here. Me I am all for it. But why don't you wait until I get out it would only be six more weeks after that so I think it would be best if you didn't come out. Because you know and I know what would happen if you did come out. So I think it would be best if you didn't come out. I want you to more than I want anything in the world but I think it's best ofr the both of us if you didn't so anything you decide is all right by me.

Bobbie tomorrow night is show night again. There is another fellow that goes over with me to the movie and if either one of us win we split the prize – who is he oh a second class stonekeeper? Who is supposed to get married come may the twenty seventh no his girl is on the way out from Texas. He wants me to stand up for him. It's getting late ~~and~~ so until tomorrow

With My Love always

Jim

P.S. Loves ya very much

L.Y.

HI STINKER
I LOVE YA

7 May 1952
San Diego
7:00 P.M.

Hi Sugar

How is my girl this fine Wednesday evening no I didn't win the money last night. Oh me it's beginning to look like I am not going to win it.

I received two letters from you today #2 in this mornings mail and # one in this afternoon mail – oh well I guess we can forgive the mail man.

Hmm no. I didn't see the donkey? And I didn't bet anything on it either but oh well. I'd see it next year for sure.

Bobbie you keep asking how I am how come? Me bobbie I am fine so to speak other than wanting to be home right now if I could just get it out of my head forget than I am getting dis-charged until it's time for me to.

I sure hope I don't crack up before I do get out.

Bobbie I guess I might as well tell you now. I can't send you that fifteen dollars a pay day because I still owe a little over sixty dollars over in diego to be exact \$61.35. so I wish I could send it to you.

Yes it's over that trouble I had over in town. I told you I would if you want me to say so and I'll try to get it to you O.K. Bobbie I want to make that second movie so until tomorrow night

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH.

P.S. What did your dad say about Memorial Day.

STINKER

9 May 1952
San Diego Calif
1:45 P.M.
60 More Days

Hi Sweetness

How is my girl this fine Friday afternoon? Me I am fine. You know last night after I finished showering and shaving I was laying in my sack and I started a letter to you. And behold after I had finished a half a page I fell asleep I don't know how come I wasn't sleepy at all. Maybe it was the hot showers. Boy the weather out here is fine. I sun is hot as He__ and then we have that cool breeze coming off the ocean. What have I been doing nothing much except eating, slept and (working) believe it or not.

Oh me bobbie when you hunt up Wednesday night I had one of the funniest feelings I ever had. It was almost like being home sick not quite homesick either.

Has your dad said anything about you coming out memorial day? I would like to hear the story on the deal. Is he still laffing [sic] at you.?

Look Bobbie some work is calling so

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH.

Hi Stinker

12 May 1952
San Diego 55
10:30 P.M.
56 More Days

Hi Sweetness

How if my girl this fine Monday evening. No it's almost time for me to hit the "sack" So I won't be too long here.

I received three letters from you this morning. I was surprised. No no one pick up the mail yesterday morning so maybe that is the reason for three this morning.

Pardon me while I get a cup of coffee & a sandwich (Night Routine?) would you care for a bite of the sandwich and a sip of coffee.

Rose Mary Clooney just sang "if you miss me HALF as much as I miss you," over the radio oh what a song.

Bobbie have you decided to come out or not? Some times I wish you would and sometimes I hope you don't. why cause I think it will be worse on us if you do come out. No bobbie seriously I am hoping you do come out with all my heart I want to see you again so ba it hurts me. Just to look at you and hold you. Oh dam RN it any way. Bobbie why????

This coming pay day I am going over and have that picture taken that you wanted that was fine by seven wasn't it. I think I have two made and send one to mom

Mom said that job on a tug boat was a job when you are on a week and off a week. I don't think that would be too bad let's wait and see what the railroad has to offer. If that tug boat was permanent with a good retirement I might take it let's just wait and see. Oh oh. I'll write tomorrow night after I come from the movie if I don't come in too late

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES DA H--- OUT OF YA.

P.S. they are playing "Be my life's "companion" over the radio ?? will ya.

L.D.H.O.U.

Hi STINKER

16 May 1952
San Diego
10:00 A.M.

Hi Sweetness!

How is my girl this fine Friday morning?

You will have excuse the pencil this morning but the Boss is using the pen this morning oh me. I am sorry I haven't in the last two nights. I have been out trying to get me a part-time job at nights to get a little money ahead for when I get out no no luck either. These people out here just don't trust service men.

Oh yes I received the piece of cake yesterday it was good but the icing I didn't like no not like I liked the icing but it was too sweet or rich.

I am leaving tonight for Los Angeles again this time we are going up to Hollywood and see some radio programs if I can comshaw? Some tickets off the U.S.O. Bobbie I wish you were out here to go up there with me. Boy could we have a time but we have only 53 more days and then we will have a time.

Oh yes my cold is almost gone. No I still have the sniffles

It wasn't mom that asked about the double wedding I was talking to mom and Paul asked her to ask me if we were going to make it a double wedding and mom asked me. I told her that you would probably postpone it for about six months.

The twenty sixth of this month I can't remember what it is on oyes that was the day my luck changed from worse to better no it wasn't that oh what could it be oh yes now I remember. The day met you right. I thought so.

After seeing that movie last night I don't know whether I want to get married or not. "the name of the movie "Love is better than ever" if you get a chance see it and then you will understand why.

About the duplex I don't know. It's going to take us a year or so to save up enough to get married and then another year to save enough to buy a house.??

Well until Monday night

My Love always

Jim

Hi Stinker

19 May 1952
San Diego
10:00 P.M.
50 MORE DAYS

Hi Sweetness

How is my girl this fine Monday evening? Me. I am fine had a wonderful weekend. The only thing that was missing was you yes. Bobbie my weekend would have been complete with you out here to enjoy it with me.

I miss you bobbie very much only fifty more days and then "[two words undedipherable]?"

I received two letters from you this morning one of them had father acannens? clipping in it I was sorry to hear about him. I send the clipping back with this letter O.K.

I enjoyed the "Patriots" it was real sweet.

Which picture did you see "My son John" or "bells on their toes." I was, "bells on their toes" Saturday afternoon and I enjoyed it very much. It was better than "Cheaper by the dozen.

You tell frankie that he had better not treat that dog mean or I'll get him when I get home. What did he even do with his, "Hagligs." ?

O.K. bobbie I'll have that remedy there in about fifty five more days. O.K. I should be home around the thirteenth of July for good.

No bobbie I didn't know father O'Conner. I had heard of him tho

Guess what? Paul has written me three 3 letters in the last week & one half. Surprising isn't it?

Bobbie I hate to make this so short but the sack is calling see you in July.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH

L.Y.V.M.

Hi STINKER

21 May 1952
San Diego 55 CALIF
9:00 P.M.
47 More Days
ON DUTY

Hi Sweetness

How if my girl this fine Wednesday evening? Me oh I am feeling fine except that I am a little lonely yes lonely. Everything would be fine if I were home now.

Bobbie they say you tried to call out here last night I think maybe your will call tonight around ten or a little earlier? I hope you do it would be nice to hear your voice again just to talk to you for a few minutes.

I received a letter from you this afternoon post marked the nineteenth. No I haven't had the picture taken yet. I'll have it taken a few days before I come home O.K.

I think I will bet getting transferred to the naval station for discharge around the sixteenth or seventeenth of June so it will take me maybe two or three weeks over there so you don't have to write after the sixteenth of June if you don't want to because I won't know what my address is over there or what building I will be billeted in and before I leave here I will fill out a change of address card and give my home address as my forwarding address O.K.

Me I haven't been doing much of late. I had the Askani flotilla tender make a shipping box for me. So I pack everything I don't need and ship it home in a few weeks.

Oh well bobbie it's almost time to say so long for awhile.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. "LOVES," DA HELL OUT OF YA.

P.S. see you in forty seven more days

Hi Stinker

21 May 1952
San Diego Calif
41 More Days
9:30 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my gal this fine Tuesday evening? Fine good. Know what I did last night after we hung up? I went over to the barracks and took a good hot shower and shaved hmm did I feel good when I got in the sack.

Oh yes I just got back from the movie over in Coronado. What did see? Oh the "Hunchback of Notre Dame." and boy was that a picture I could see it again and still enjoy it. Believe me it was good. No I didn't win the money but I come awful close.

You know last night I told you I had from Thursday until Monday off. Well I just found out I have the duty Sunday oh well. I guess as I hope I can find me a standby I hope. I hope.

Taps are going now. Hmm it's getting late out here.

Only forty one more days and I be a free man again oh boy. Oh well I'll only be free until Nov. twenty seventh unless you have changed your mind on the date?

I was up this morning at eight – I mean seven and was down on the boat at eight and we were going all day we didn't secume? Until quarter to five this after – noon. I sure? The coxswain hurry up and get well. Sorry bobbie I write again tomorrow night.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH – VERY VERY MUCH

P.S. I haven't forgot the picture

Hi Stinker

2 June 1952

San Diego

8:30 P.M.

36 More Days

Dearest Bobbie

How is my girl this fine Monday evening? I am sorry bobbie but I have been pretty busy these last few days. What did I do over the weekend. Well instead of going to los angeles like I plan Thursday afternoon the boat an I should say I found out that the boat had a cracked head. So instead of going to L.a. I had to change the head on the boat engine and while we were changing it we decided to set it up on the beach and scrape and paint the bottom & sides. We just set it back in the water this morning.

Say what did you do over the weekend? I sure wished I were home this weekend. We could have loaded up the car and gone up to spring mill state park. Hmm what a time we could have had.

I had three letters from you this morning one the twenty ninth the thirtieth and thirty first. What happened? I must rate? Around there?? O.K. O.K.

Yes I imagine mom is watching television a lot now

Oh oh! So you let your hair go for seventeen days what have you been doing seeing how dirty you can get it. (No harm meant)

No bobbie this buddie of mine didn't get married they decided to put it off until after he gets out he is due out about ten days after I do. So they wont have too long to ~~weight~~ wait.

You will learn to lay out in the sun that long won't you

O.K. bobbie I meet you tomorrow night and we will go out riding you don't mind riding in a pile of junk do you? Yes I am going to buy me one when I get out maybe.

Say would you care for a sip of my coffee? Yes as usual I have a cup of coffee sitting beside me (any similarity between this letter and the English language is purely coincidental)

I told you about the coxswain of the boat getting sick didn't I. well they sent him over to the hospital for treatment and now they have me coxswain of the boat and boy do I hate the job now.

Yes bobbie I like long sleeved shirts and I like short sleeved shirt I like all kinds of shirts.

No bobbie not long now only two more weeks and I'll be transferred to the naval station I may be there a week I may be there until the ninth and then "Owen sale"!?" "who knows"

Bobbie I wish I could put down on paper what is in my heart but I am not very good at it. So I'll see you in July.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH I DO.

P.S.R.S. (Love you)

T.S.T.S.T.S.A.

Hi Stinker

4 June 1952
San Diego
9:35 P.M.
34 MORE DAYS

Hi Sweetness

How is my girl this fine ~~tues~~ Wednesday evening? I got a letter from you this morning but dumb ole me I left it over at the barracks in my dungarees

It feels funny you know only a month and a couple of day and I'll be on my way home for Good. That's what going to feel funny not having to come back to California just stay at home

About the third day I am home I am going to see if I can not go to work about two weeks after I get home. I think I told you I never did receive a definite answer form the L&N but I imagine I will be able to go to work.

There are so many things I want to do when I do get out. But I guess I won't get to do half of them.

But you know what we are going to do each week after I get out you and I are going to put twelve and a half dollars a week away 12 & ½ each that's just for something special and anything extra is just what we think we can spare.

Oh well we will talk about it after I get home. It looks like I will be around the amphib base until around the twenty third of June maybe. I am going to fly home maybe I am going to figure it out. Train ticket and meals and if it's about the same a plane ticket I think I'll fly home twelve hours or a little more by plane. Oh well I'll let you know on the eighth or ninth that is what ever day they hand me my discharge

Oh boy it's going to feel good to get home. I just won't know what to do with my self.

You know if the sun keeps coming out and stays as hot as it has been I'll have a good tan by the time I get home. I am back on the boat again as coxswain and dam it I have to work a little bit now.

oh oh sack time until tomorrow night

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA

P.P.S.S. I DO

L.Y.V.M.

Hi Stinker
(Yes you)

7 June 1952
San Diego
2: P.M.
31 MORE DAYS

Hi Sweetness

How is my girl this fine Saturday afternoon feeling good. I'll take some of that good out of you when I get home O.K.

I received a letter from you yesterday with only a clipping in it??

I received another this morning explaining I just come back from hauling the "old man" around the bay. Him and his family went out he has a nice looking daughter about twenty two WOW! WOW!

Yes I know you are crazy. You don't have to tell me. HA Bobbie I am ~~hurry~~ rushing time as fast as I can. It's driving me crazy too.

You tell your mother she don't have to feel sorry for me. I am good at taking the spoil out of "spoiled" "brats"

What have I been doing? Me working and trying to make the time pass faster.

Yes I still have that cold I don't think I'll ever get rid of it.

That picnic for your father sounds nice but what do you mean by Quote, "(Don't be surprised at anything that happens when you come home, hear?)" unquote.??????

Time for me to go down to the barracks an get some sleep so

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA.
YES I DO

LOVE YOU VERY MUCH

Hi Stinker

9 June 1952
San Diego
8:45 P.M.
29 MORE DAYS

Hi Sweetness

Have is my girl this fine Monday evening? Feel good oh not too good How come? Here I am sitting here listening to another Godbury? Over the radio it's his talent scout show hmm is he good tonight.

You will have to excuse the pencil tonight no all the fountain pens here at the office are ARE taken.

I received a letter from you this morning hmm I was surprised.

I had some good news or had which ever way you want t otake it. They are going to transfer me June the twenty seventh. I am going to talk to the admin officer tomorrow and see if he won't transfer me the twenty third or hold me until the thirtieth I want to go over to the discharge center on a Monday. It take eight or nine days to get discharged. I called up yesterday found out.

O.K. Bobbie your on I'll take your heart in exchange for mine.

Bobbie I'll explain a cracked head to you after I get home when I am fooling around with a pile of junk.

Oh yes I wear a thirty four or thirty six trunks and I would appreciate it if you got me a pair.

No there nothing wrong with the coxswain just a little er EAR trouble well until Wednesday night.

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA VERY MUCH #

L.Y.

Hi Stinker

12 June 1952
San Diego Calif
7:00 P.M.
26 MORE DAYS

Hi Sweetness

Hhow is my girl this fine Thursday evening? You know I am going to send that clipping back. The "Recipe for "heavy Drinkers" it is good advice I think I take his advice but there is only one hitch I am not a "heavy drinker." Just a wild one. But we can build the Bon army?

Maybe in ten or fifteen years we will be able to build it O.K.

You put in a nights work. "Bushwa" Don't ask me what I mean either because I don't know an I won't tell you until I get home.

Oh yes I received a letter from you this morning I was surprised.

Ask your mother if you take after her in the goodness Dept? who said you were a brat? I did, "Brat" what do you mean? Don't be surprised at anything that happens when I come home I wish you would explain more fully?????? Ok. Ok. Keep me in suspense and I won't phone you when I get discharged O.K. are you going to tell me? I thought not I'll have to drag it out of you.

I sure hope they transfer me Monday if they do I'll have to work there for around two weeks. I think they are going to hold me until the twenty seventh oh oh it's almost movie time (across the street) so

All My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA

P.S. Here's hoping the first ones a boy.

T.S.T.S.T.S.A.

Hi Stinker

19 June 1952
San Diego
9:00 P.M.
19 More Days

Hi Sweetness

How is my girl this fine Thursday evening? Just got back from and operational readiness inspection on the L.S.T. 1110. We left Saturday morning got back here this after noon. I found two letters from you one post marked the fifteenth and one the seventeenth.

Well it's still a toss up whether I get transfered the twenty third or the twenty seventh.

The yeoman said the twenty third but there is still the administrative officer to check. But what is one officer more or less

Yes Bobbie it's less than three weeks two weeks and five days this time next month I'll be home for good.

I don't know what you mean by what you write about me and the army or I should write the army and I

Sometimes I too wonder what you would be like if you were like Lillian but then I wouldn't love you if you were like Lillian. Not that I don't like Lillian it's just that you are something more special to me.

How is Paul and his jobs coming along. I hope he gets a permanent one it's almost time and the DUTY yeoman wants to hit the sack so

My Love always

Jim

P.S. LOVES YA

L.Y.

Hi Stinker
(Yes you)

24 June 1952
off San Diego Fishing
15 more Days

Hi Sweetness

I bought a pencil and paper out on the boat this time. The "Old Man's" daughters are fishing fans and so is he. We have been out here since Saturday afternoon. We will go in tomorrow night and I get transferred Thursday morning.

I haven't had the picture taken yet. I have it taken some time next week.

I guess this will be my last letter maybe I don't know. Oh well let's wait and see if I get transferred Thursday morning.

25 June 1952
San Diego
9:00 P.M.

Hi Sweetness

How is my girl this fine Wednesday evening? Just got in I had two letters waiting for me when I got in. I still haven't found out if they will transfer me tomorrow morning oh well the life of a sailor for me.

I think I will fly home bobbie it will be the same as a train after you figure meals and trans and such. Yes big hearted bobbie always [illegible] teaching? with someone. Let me know what the doctor said was wrong I can guess I won't say but I can guess

Oh boy I am hot for going out to your aunt anna's

I'll call you as soon as I have my discharge in my hand. I have to go to the barracks and shower and shave so see you in my dreams

All My Love always

Jim

P.S. see you in two weeks.