



November 2, 1942
Barnbridge Md.

Dearest Darlin,

Received your letters
today with the needles in it
and was glad to get them. I
am going to try my hand at
sewing sometime this week.

Tell the kiddies I will
try to get them sailor hats
as soon as I can get out
of this mud hole.

There isn't much to
tell you this trip, yesterday
being Sunday we just fool
around the barracks and
maybe go for a walk in the
mud.

Our crack company is
slipping fast, all the fellows
have swelled heads and are
getting very sloppy about

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everything. This Friday we are on exhibit again and maybe it will be a different story. I was watching #7 out the window this morning just before lunch and they sure looked good. Our barracks is right in front of the drill field.

Today we drilled all morning this afternoon we went to the Seaman branch building and had a knot tying test. I passed it very easily. all the knots I tied in the Boy Scouts.

A lot of the fellows

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from the cruisers Astoria,
Vincennes and the other
one that was sunk are
here in camp.

Well how this is
all for now as news
is kind of scarce.

You remember Pat
O'Donnell, one of the fellows
I went in with? He has
turned into a gambler here
and I call him Diamond
Pat and another fellow
"Bet a Million Morley. Pat
lost \$9.50 yesterday. These
fellows here sure have a
lot of money to throw away
one fellow has won \$25.00
up until yesterday.

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Let me know how
things are home, also if the
information I sent you for Mrs
Hill was okay.

Yours, Parker

November 4, 1942
Barnbridge, Md.

Dearest Darlin

Things are getting very monotonous around here, I am having trouble trying to find something to write about.

I didn't get any letter from you today, I kind of expected one. I guess it will come tomorrow.

Yesterday we learned to splice rope and some knots. I know most of the knots but the rope splicing was something new.

Today we were given lessons on small boats up to 60 ft. and told a boat is defined as a water craft that can be brought aboard a ship and under no condition can a ship be called a boat.

We were taught to tie square knot, bowline, bowline on a bight, sheet

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bend and rope splicing.

Monday night I took the fire watch from 0000 to 0400 for a fellow that was sick and got a swell cold so last night I went to sick bay and got a cure.

They line everybody up that has a cold and put a thermometer in their mouth and then a pharmacist mate comes down the line with a spray gun and sprayed each nostril and throat. Then they passed out the door and were given an envelope with four quinine capsules in it. one to be taken every hour. I feel much better today. Tonight after supper ~~they~~ I had to rush over to get in the shower as the hot water doesn't

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last very long.

How is your money holding out? I am sure you will get some very shortly. Did you hear anything about the memo check from the shipyard?

There is nothing more to talk about so I will sign off until later. I forgot to say that on the watch I got the cold on it poured the whole time and I got all wet. They haven't given us our rain coats yet.

Well morning until later.

Parker.

P.S. Say I said hello to my little Indians.

Nov. 6, 1942
Bainbridge, Md.

Dearest Darlin

I received your cake and letter today. The letter was so long coming I thought there was something wrong.

Yesterday started what they call our "work week" here. I am working in the receiving station stenciling the clothes that are issued the recruits.

Last night about 8 P. M. your time, 2 o'clock navy time, the C. P. O. came up and took 10 of us over to Coast five loads of old wooden crates and card board away from one of the barracks. We finished at 11.00 P. M.

Today we worked at

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the ware houses and then in the afternoon stenciled for the new comers.

I see on the bill-board I'm due for Sunday work too.

We had another shot today and my arm is sore again. There is only one more to go. Only one of the fellows is sick so far but tomorrow may tell a different story.

I got a letter from Sister day before yesterday.

I hadn't answered mom's letter because it was written as if in a big hurry to get it over with and was very

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superficial, (Good word huh?)

I have a swell cold and am very tired, just can't seem to get ahead of these colds.

Your cake was swell, the boys and me sure enjoyed it.

A lot of them are home sick, I had to talk a few of them out of going over the hill.

Most of them have never been away from home for any length of time before and they don't know what it's all about. Rogers company is on K. P. duty, I hope Goddard and I missed that and got the receiving station in-

stead.

Today at noon show
we were late and got in
with company 21. I was
sitting at the table and a
fellow right across from
me looked very familiar
and after while he looked
up and looked at me. I
said "Whats your name mate?"

He said "your Red Billman"
and I said "Yes and your
Charley Simpson from Ocean
City". I haven't seen
him since the 4th grade in
school. Small world isn't
it.

Well since and Camille
I look like this in my

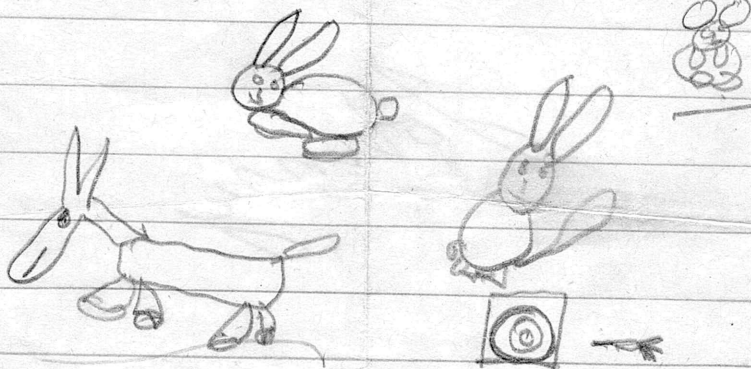
Uniform.



Well honey I am tired and
have to shower so until
later

Parker,

JOHNNY



~~Jack~~

TINKER

BE A GOOD BOY
AND DO WHAT MOMMA
TELLS YOU.

DADDY

CAMILLE,

TAKE CARE OF MOMMA
AND TINKER.

DADDY

Nov. 8, 1942
Bainbridge Md.

Dearest Darlin,

There seems to be less
and less to write about here
every day.

I have to go on watch
at 4.00 (1600) it is now 2.30 or
14.30.

Yesterday we stenciled
another company in and today
is our day of rest. Only I
had to go on duty for an hour
this a. m.

We had Virginia baked
ham and candied sweet-po-
tatoes for lunch. What did you
have? The eats here are
O.K. but I like yours much
better.

Did you get any money
from the Government yet?

if you did send me
a couple of wash rags.

I've asked three fellows
what there is to write about
but they say they don't see
how I can even find an
excuse to write a letter.

Have you heard anything
from John yet.

I just got through
standing in line at the
ship store to get some
cigarettes it took an hour.

Well mom there is no
news so until Tuesday all
sign off.

Barber.

P.S. There just simply isn't
anything to write about.

November 10, 42
Bainbridge, Md.

Dearest Darlin

Received a letter from you
this a. m. and one this P. m.

Such a rush of mail is un-
expected.

It was nice you were
able to visit Nancy + Guy,
though I am sorry to hear
that Nancy fell down and
hurt herself.

Thinking of Johnies cold
that makes him tie with
me, I can't seem to get rid
of mine.

Yesterday and today was
the same routine, there are
38 companies here now. You
spoke about the Quarantine,
there are all sorts of stories
going on around here, the

latest is that we won't get any liberty for the full eight weeks. So nobody expects any nor believes anything. There are just as many stories to the contrary.

I have a tremendous big wash to do but I don't feel like it to night. I don't know what they do with all the waves. We sure could use them here. I should really write to sister too, but I don't feel like that either.

Tonight for supper we had spaghetti with a hot sauce and stuffed peppers. The peppers weren't as nice as yours.

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Every time a big crowd of recruits come in we have something special or fancy. There were around 130 of them today, so at lunch time we had chicken and ice cream. The Navy is very diplomatic.

A couple of fellows got in a fight in another company and the story is that the one that started it got a dishonorable discharge.

How did the wee ones like their letters? I don't think you got them until you came from Ocean City. How is my Dad?

Don't forget to tell me

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if you have received any money
from the Government. I am
surprised at the. Promo checks.
It must have been the time
we lost waiting for the Rent
to be repaid.

I don't think Mary will
be a success as a school
teacher. I think she will be
very disappointed. Couldn't
she change to a Dietician
or something were she would
be more private and relaxed?

I have learned to play
chess here and enjoy it very
much. The jitter bugs are
turning loose and the Radio
is blasting away so until
later. All my love, just for you,
J. Parker.

November 12, 1942
Bainbridge Md.

Dearest Darlin

I don't know how to
begin a letter tonight. I
just got through a big wash
and have heavy it. It has
been cold here yesterday and
today. It is getting warmer
tonight.

I'm sorry to hear
about the radio. I told you
if anything like that happened
to get in touch with my Dad.
He wouldn't leave you be
without your Radio.

I have asked you
twice if you have gotten any
money from the Government.
We won't get any more here
until our last week, or
so the story goes.

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Yesterday was the same usual routine. Today I had a toothache and went to the dentist this a. m.

He temporarily filled two of my teeth. I guess next week I will have to go again.

Pat O'Donnell received word that his sister is on the verge of death. He applied for special leave and I think he will go tomorrow. That's the only way you can get out of here.

I don't know what you wanted to find out the train fare to Baltimore for, as it is 33 or 53

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miles from here.

When I get time to come home it will cost me \$3.00 round trip.

How long was Johnny in camp before he came home?

Saturday will end our detail only at the Receiving Station I hope. They added two more days for good measure.

The Sarge and Papa (That is a fellows name here) are playing checkers along side of me. That's about all there is to do. The Radio is blasting away and several of the boys are

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writing letters

Tell the kids to write me a letter and I will answer it.

They came in tonight and wanted 10 volunteers for the warehouse. Sarge asked me if I wanted to go. I told him hell no. The next thing I'm going to volunteer for will be a strait jacket.

I'm not requested but I came in the Navy to go to sea not work in the warehouse or stencil clothes.

Well mommy until later with loads of love.

Parker.

November 15, 42
Bainbridge Md

Dearest Darlin.

Well Darlin yesterday ended our work detail and I guess we will be back on regular schedule again next week. I have the midnight to 4 a.m. watch to night.

I am very much worried about your financial condition. We aren't going to be paid until our leave which I understand won't be until Dec. 15th or 30 days from today.

I thought you should get some money because Mr Starace said if we got the allowances in by the last of October they would send some money on Nov 1st or there abouts. I understand we are to be paid

twice a month, or rather you are to be paid twice a month. After Dec 15 I will be paid that way too. All in all you should have something coming very shortly.

While it is on my mind Mr. Maene address is Hartford and Atlantic one. all you needed was to call the Hudson agency. His home is on Adriatic one near Maine one. and his name is Victor Maene.

About the Radio don't let those high school mechanics fool you. If it cost \$20.00 to get it fixed it is well worth it, as the price of

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Radio's is away up. and they are not being made at this time. That is a very good machine. You should have let him take it and repair it because it will take some time to get the parts. If it is finished when you don't have the cash call my dad and tell him you want it.

Yesterday over in the stencil room half of our crew ducked out and went back to the barracks. They noticed the decline in men and called the master and sent messengers for them.

They had to work until 8 o'clock last night scrubbing

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floors on their hands and
knees as the Commander
made them take the handles
out of the scrubbing brushes.
I don't think they will duck
any more.

Wednesday will make
our 4th week here. What day
does Dec. 15th come on?
We don't have any calendars
here.

Today there are ~~still~~
2 six wheel scrapers and a
steam roller working on the
drill field, maybe they are
going to put the top soil on.
The Drill hall is nearing com-
pletion and also the rifle range.
We have all this to go

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through as yet including
boating on the Susquehanna.

About the Drill you asked
if it wasn't held as both
companies sit and eight men
on work week. Maybe they
will hold it on Nov. 21st.

Yesterday we had a big
inspection and our company
came in 3rd. Company #2
was 1st and company #23 was
2nd. Mr. Starace was very
well pleased and said we
were technically first since
18 men had to do the work of
112.

Thursday night we
challenged company 7 to a
three man checker tournament.
It wound up all crew as

One of our men played five games by mistake and lost 4 of them.

Everybody was supposed to play 3 games. Our team was composed of Tolly, Papa and me. Tolly won 2 and lost 1. Papa won 1 and lost 4. and I won all my three so that made it six wins apiece.

Next week we are extending a blanket challenge to any company in the camp. It should create a diversion. Our best player besides me, get that, was at the movies so it could have been a different story. very easily.

I haven't received any work rags as yet, maybe they will come to morrow.

Fred bry was just

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whistling on the Radio. The fellows wanted me to whistle on smokes night. but a C.P.O. whistled over there one night and it would seem like I was trying to show him up so I decided not to do it.

These Navy smokes are very much like Major Bow's amateur nights. only there aren't any prizes.

Next week we will be back on schedule and there should be more to write about.

How are my little cherubs?
I miss all of you very much especially my little Darling. It won't be so long now. So write soon,
Parker

P.S. Have I answered all your questions?

November 18, 1942
Bainbridge, Md.

Dearest Darlin

Received the work logs
and etc to day, and was
very glad to get them. We
have been drilling and more
drilling this week.

Its funny when I
start to write I forget
everything I had in mind
to tell you.

I went to the Dentist
again today and he filled
five of my teeth including
the two that had the temp-
orary filling. I have to go
back again Friday. He
sure made me sweat. I
got a good look at those little
drills and was sure surprised
to see how small they are,

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When he puts them in your mouth they feel as big as nickles and twice as bad as a buzz saw.

The guys are needling me to play checkers, there are a few die hards that won't give up.

We were paid today, that is all except me as I was at the Dentists. I went at 8 o'clock and was there until 9.30 a.m. Mr.

Starace said he would try to get it for me tomorrow.

Everybody got \$10. and it has to last until the month is over then we get all our pay at once.

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How did you make out at the hospital? Don't forget to let me know.

While I am thinking of it get me ~~Ships~~ address as he is 70 miles from here and I hardly think he will come down!

One of the C. P. O. father was killed in the last big Naval battle and we all feel for him as he is a nice fellow.

My letters have gotten a little behind as it is hard to find anything to write about.

You should get some money soon, let me know if

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you do.

I miss you very much
mommy, and love you more
than you can realize, but
it won't be long before I
will be home again.

Pat got back today and
his sister has improved. I
wanted to get him to stop
and see you but he got away
before I got a chance to ask
him.

I want to take a
shower tonight but the water
is cold. If you're not there
first you're out of luck.

I pulled Johnny's
truck this a.m. and was
late for exercises so I

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have a 12. P. M. to 4. A. M.
watch tonight. I still
think I can talk the
Sarge out of it. maybe.

He got another hair out
tomorrow. What for I don't know
~~about~~ as the other one has -
not grown in yet.

Well morning to the next
letter home,
Partner.

CAMILLE.

HOW ARE YOU

DADDY WILL BE HOME SOON
AND PLAY WITH YOU, TINKER
AND JOHNNY.

DADDY

TINKER

HOW ARE YOU.

ARE YOU A GOOD BOY?

BE GOOD TO MOMMA.

DON'T FORGET TO SAY YOUR
PRAYERS

DADDY

Bainbridge Md.
November 21, 1942

Dearest Darlin,

I have gotten a little behind in my mail but there is so little to write about.

Yesterday we had our last shots (thank goodness) and I have been keeping the Dentist busy. Today, in fact just 15 minutes ago I wound up there by having one pulled. He filled 3 more so that makes 8 filled and one pulled.

I am glad that is all over.

The last few days have been like spring here; but today

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it looks like rain.

We had our weekly review today, (Don't confuse it with the big one that was post-phoned) and came in 2nd for the week. Somebody left a cigarette butt on top of their locker and the inspector took off a point and a half. We missed 1st place by 5/100 of a pt.

We played company 7 football this afternoon and lost 12-6. I didn't see it as I was at the Dentists.

Last night I did a big work. and then played checkers down in company 7.

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We were supposed to give them a return match from the other time but my partners didn't want to go down there. So I went down by myself and beat these second best men three straight and the best one five out of eight making it eight wins out of 11 games.

The reason they didn't want to go down was we had a lot of trouble and one of our players was one that had it. Company 7 use to sing "Company 8 has the cots perley now".

They missed me.
The novocaine has my jaw all swelled up and I

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can't talk to any body
for an hour. I am going
to bust Slawter in the
nose because he is trying
to make me talk.

You dream about me
going out with a blonde,
is some joke. I haven't
seen anything in skirt
from the first day I got
off the Bear here.

Miranda missed his
appointment with the Dentist
and they told him they
were going to cancel his
leave. I don't think they
will though.

The Commander here
is very strict about truth

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The reason they didn't want to go down was we had crab trouble and one of our players was one that had it. Company 7 use to say "Company 8 has the crabs perley you".

They missed me.

The Novocaine has my jaw all swelled up and I

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and the Dentists are
tops.

Mommy she is nothing
more to say so until
the rest round up.

Parker.

P.S. I am looking forward
to the day I can come
home. it isn't so far off
now.

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November 22, 1942

Barnbridge Md.

Dearest Darlin,

All the boys are to church, I didn't go there or to show this a.m. as the bad tooth I had pulled is all swelled up and I don't want to get cold in it. The weather has turned cold here again.

Enclosed you will find the money order I got from the Soldier and Sailors fund at the N.Y. Ship. It came after I mailed your letter yesterday. It sure took them long enough didn't it?

I never saw such a place to dig up something to write about. Everything here

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Go on the same routine.

Yesterday a truck full of gravel turned over in front of our Barracks. You would have thought it was an airplane crash by the crowd it drew.

I didn't get my 10⁰⁰ pay yet, maybe I won't get it until I leave as I told you before I was at the Dentists when it was handed out. I thought Mr. Starce was going to get it for me but I guess he can't, He hasn't said anything.

I hope I endorsed the money order right. It seemed to be the only logical way to do it.

We saw the results of our test yesterday. I got 93 out of

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A possible 100 in the I.Q. test
but only 53 in arithmetic. There
was too much algebra.

It didn't make any difference
as the officer told me I
couldn't raise my rating at the
training station anyway, it was
none for the apprentice season.

He told me I would go on a
ship immediately after my first
tough.

Well now this is
all for now. Let me
know how your finances are,
and if you have gotten anything
from the Government.

Parker.

Enclosed of

Enclosed find money
Order from boys in
59 Dept

Yours truly
John E Neely

P.S Let me hear from
you on enclosed card
as to receipt of same.

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U. S. NAVY

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Nov. 22, 1946

Darling,

For my book of Hoyle
please copy all it says about
checkers and send as soon as
possible. If you can't find
it go to the library and get
it.

Send as soon as possible.

Parker.

November 29, 42
Bainbridge Md.

Dearest Darlin

The fellows are all off to church. I was on watch from 4 A.M. to 8 A.M. this morning so I didn't have to go.

Things here are about the same, each day brings our leave closer.

We still have most of our uniforms to get yet, Friday we got our new dress shoes. I now own two pair of good shoes.

You didn't say in your letter whether or not you had received the money order I sent you. I would like to know. This week I got a letter from the Red men, you I should say a Christmas card, enclosed was a money

order for \$3.00 which I
am sending you, also, I
finally got my P.O. pay, I
am sending you \$5.00 of that.

When I come home I
will bring you what I have.

Thanks for the cookies
and pine and ranch. The cookies
didn't last long. The boys
all like cookies.

We were over to the
rifle range yesterday but
didn't shoot any as the
guys haven't come yet.
They just told us how
to hold a gun etc.

Let me know in
your next letter if you
received the money I have
sent you including this

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letter.

How much did you
borrow from the Red Cross?
The fellows all had
to march around the field
at 6.30. a.m. this morning
because they wouldn't get
up for exercises. It was a
good watch because at 6. a.m.
I started pulling off their
blankets, you should have
heard them cuss and holler,
but they wouldn't get up be-
cause they don't think they
should have exercise on
Sunday. The C.P.O. came
up and changed their mind.
I got some of them out the
sawtooth window and down
the fire escape so they

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wouldn't have to march.

I'm glad it was on ground
as it probably wouldn't have
been up either.

There isn't much else
to say morning, oh yes,
you asked me what we
did on our liberty. That is
a big joke. We don't get any
liberty. We are under quarantine
for eight weeks. We are
allowed to walk. 1 block south,
3 blocks west and 3 blocks
north of our barracks. That is
the 19th Battalion area. The
reason is to prevent any disease
from coming into the Battalion
from outside.

Fast Sunday about

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eight of the fellows. Went
out of bounds about 2 blocks to
the fence. They had special
detail all week. A con-
centration camp hasn't
anything on this place.

So. Write soon and
tell me some Village news.
Parker