



UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING STATION
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

June 21, 1940

Dearest Mom,

I just recieved your letter and sure was glad to hear from you. I thought maybe you had forgotten I still existed. Well now that I'm in T. Unit I have a little more time to write to you & the rest. What picture do you mean mom? Did you get both of them? I was happy then I thought I was going to get to come home. I'm sure glad you like it. I get my next leave in the last part of November or first of December. I will get 30 days after I graduate from school. I'm going to school here in San Diego for four months. No I'm not going to take up airmantics just yet. I'm taking bugling now. I start tomorrow. Its going to be a lot of fun. Remember how dad used to kid me about bugling in the Army or Navy, well I'm going to be one now. Its rather tough though but the instructor said with my experience I would be advanced to the 1st class in no time. And thats no Bunk. And after I get my two years on Sea as bugler I get to go to Washington to the Navy music school and in a years time I will have a chance for the

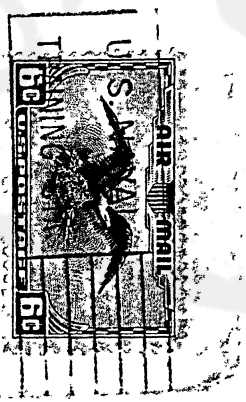
the (Navy band). Boy that's the height of my ambition
I'm the only one in our Company that made buglers school.
190 men.
So you see you have to know a little of what's going
on. Most of the Comp. going to sea tomorrow and some have
already gone. Boy I'll make you glad you own me yet. Mom even if
haven't shown in yet. Mom Dad. You can't help it when you just obey orders
and keep yourself clean & alert here. They see to it you get what you deserve.
And I'm going to do my part. Don't think I'm not. Yes I got Irene present. It
sure was swell of her. I wrote her and thanked her for it. I sure wish
I had my clothes here now. Most of the boys have. Gosh I wished I
could have come home. Thanks a million any way for sending me a ticket
any way Mom. But it's for the best any way. When a few yrs. have passed
I'll be proud of that picture. I should sure go for that cake & candy
idea Mom. I would sure dispose of it. The food is not getting better
but worse now. I don't know what's a matter with them. It's sure
cold here in the mornings and hot as h in the daytime when we
work. How's Irene behaving? I sure miss her to I mean Inez. She
wrote me and told me about it Mom. It's sure is too bad. I hope
her and Irene take better care of themselves now. I sure would
hate to see them get it seriously. How's Lyle. And who's his cousin?
Does Irene smoke now? Boy wait till I tell her! I didn't think they did
it very often. I'll tell them both but probably won't any good. Tell
Jack it sure is a swell place for ambitious fellows. And you get your
fun to. No I haven't seen Irene yet but hope to in about 2 wks.
from now. I'll give her the once over. Gee I wish you and Dad would come
out here it sure would be swell to see you again and Inez & Irene &
the rest. I sure would like to have some pictures of all of you. Yes
I would like the Sidney Herald very much. Your sure welcome for
the pictures. Well it's time to turn in Mom. So will write later.
Did Dad get the card? I hope it got there on time. Write soon.

Say hello to everyone for me.
How are Sonny and Delores?

Loving & Missing you
Earl.

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Mr. J. J. Peterson
Liberty Montana
Box 273-
AIR MAIL



BB-39

July 25, 1940



Dear Mom.

Just got your letter and
sure was glad to hear from you.
Gosh it sure is to bad that
you have to work so much
harder now. I know you have
so much to do now that
it isn't funny. Mom told me
she had Rick's job. Will let
the machine as hard. That's my
hardest job to Boy Mom. I got
3.0 in my test + 400 is the best
so I consider my self pretty
fair. Today I started drums.

lessons and it sure is fun.
I heard the fleet was in Japan
now and also seen it in the
newsreel. No Iney didn't tell
me about Russa mishap. That's
sure to bad. I'll bet the little
ford was really puffing, I'll
anyway he's got a good car
now any way. Gordon ought to
join the army air core, boy do
they ever get a paycheck! But
you have to have 2 yrs. college.
I'll bet Alice is having a real
time. Who in L would go
with Ruth? Are you going?



to get another girl? Hows dad
and everyone? About the sailors
we are quite a bit above the
average. Is heres dad? Is he
on a vacation? That kid's name
from Billings is Stinner. He sure
is a nice kid. In going to Long
Beach Sat. Send me Gene's address.
Leon still don't know I'm in the
Navy. Well Mom I have to go
practice. write soon.
P.S. Did you
ever find my
suit? Love Earl

My address is.

U. S. S. Arizona

Pearl Harbor Honolulu T. H.

% Fleet P. O.

Dwyer

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By the way. I've lost 20
pounds and look the least
I've looked for two years.

is going to feel good for a change!
It has been raining here since Sat
steady. I get my leave Nov. 26
and is setting me back \$20 of
my pay and I need every cent
of it to get home and back.
Because my leave was supposed
to come Dec 5th and they
changed it. So I need \$20
bucks and if you'll loan it
to me till I get back and get
paid I will pay you back because
I don't expect you to help me out
being as I'm making enough but
I kind of got backhanded on
the deal of my pay. Yes I
have come to find out I have
a few brains and am finally
learning out how to use them!
If you get what I mean Mom.
And I think you do. Tell Jane
I'm sorry to hear about the
fire and hope it is not too
bad. I wrote to her a few

days ago. Yes the accidents sure
are numerous whats a matter?
Don't anyone know how to drive?
By the way Betty's mother makes
me drive for her all the time
and also lets me drive it wherever
I go. Its a ford! Thanks a
million for the paper, I sure en-
joy it. How is everything going
now? Hope better than has
been. Say hello to everyone Hello
for me. I'm pure glad Gordon is
doing ok now. I finally got a
letter from Lyol god this a hugler
to. He don't like it so hot to!
Of course his pay is plenty low!
Am sending this Special Delivery
so you will have time to answer.
Write soon.

Love to all

(my correct address) Earl.

Mr. Earl Leroy Morrison
U. S. Naval Training Station
Bygle School
San Diego California. (Remenader
mom)

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San Diego Calif.
10 P.M.

Dear Mom,

This is going to be short and sweet because I've got to get to bed. I thank everyone for the cards. I sure am tired we've been out on the firing range all day and am helping the yeoman in some work now, after taps. Boy he sure is a swell kid. He's from Texas and is a Ballet dancer and saxophone player. And he sure is

Handsome. Tell dad I qualified
for expert marksman! I made
120 out of a 150 bulls eyes.
By the way this boys name
is Carroll Hamrick. We have to
have our tickets by wednesday
and they cost \$42⁰⁰ round trip
and I won't get to come
home for two years after that
because we are going to
Honolulu for war post. I'll
be with Leon & Hamrick on
the Arizona. And if not
there we may be transferred

³to China. Boy this is sure
some place to be on ones
birthday! How is everything?
Why don't you write a little
more often? Gosh I never
get any more letters now. It
won't be long now till we
get on ship and I'll sure
be glad to get out of training.
It sure is hard on you.

Well Mom I figure this is
the best place in the World
to be if a war does break

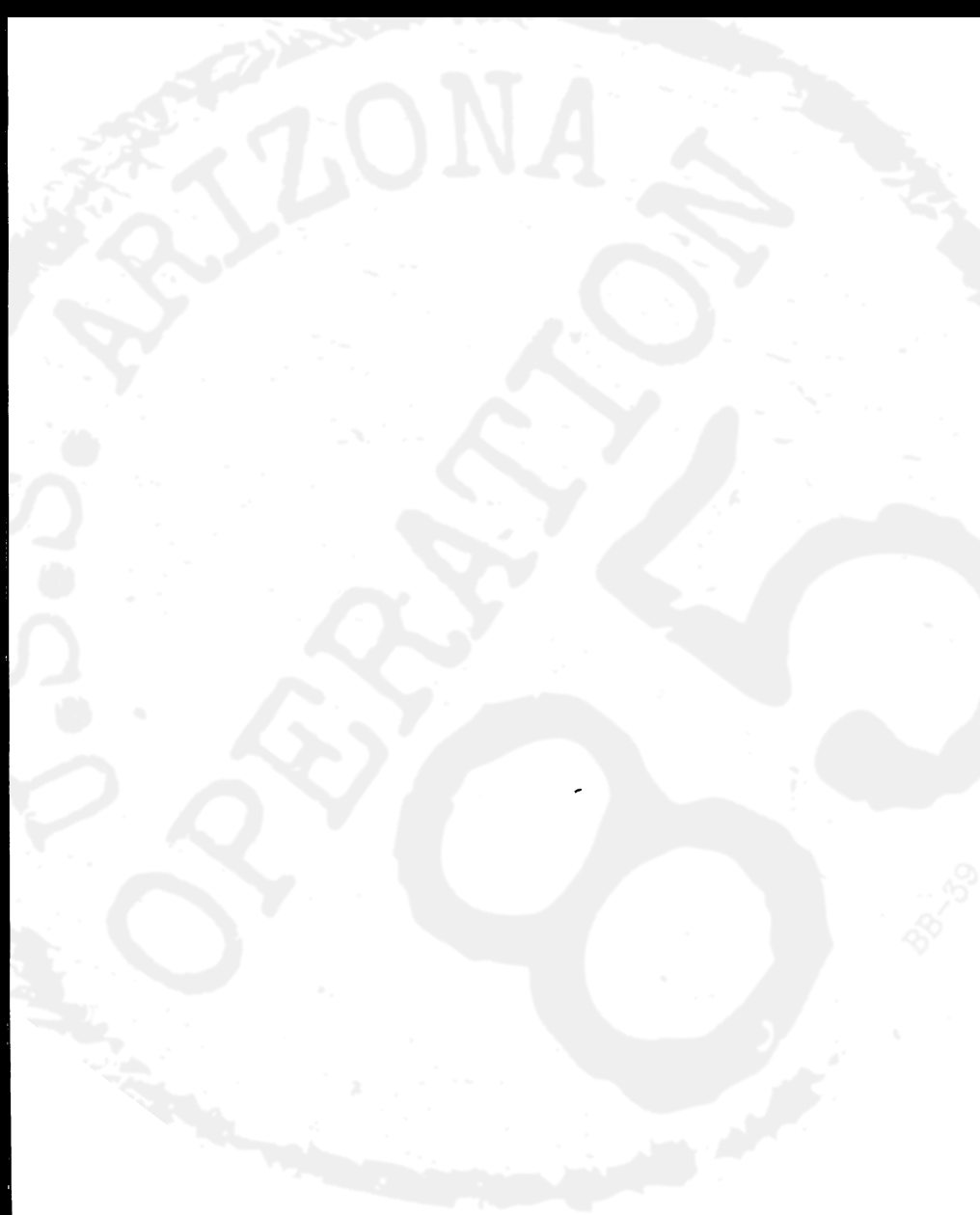
out. Because now I've had
military training and seamans-
hip. So I'll know a little
about what going on. Our Co.
Commander told us today he
thought the Navy was going to
get their men out as fast as
they could now because of it.
Is this London? My eyes sure
are blurring, I don't seem
to be able to see just
right. Boy it sure is cold
here at night, with two wool

5. blankets we freeze to death.
How's Dad? Is he going to
ans.? What do you think of
my insurance policy? It
was a good money saving
idea I think don't you?

Irene writes quiet regular,
she sure is swell to me.
We also fired machine guns
today. Well Mom answer
right quick like will you?

Say Hells All My Love
to everyone
P.S. Earl.

It sure was short wasn't it?



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June 14, 1941
U.S.I. Arizona

Dearest Mom,

Look how I glad to hear from you! I don't believe I ever was so homesome in all my life. You live on the Arizona now, and as you say I hate it. About Leon I have looked forward to seeing him now for six years, and got here three days too late. The sig and so didn't even tell me. I mean about he was going to be transferred to New York to school. But I guess it's a real chance for him. God I guess he was really an OK guy on this ship. The Irish fellow I asked about him was one of his best friends. And all of the fellows know him. They said he was the only guy off the machines that really knew his job and liked it. They say he was a real worker.

and was real Chief material. I guess he goes up for first class this quarter. So Mom I guess he's not so bad as we figured him. He and I sure do differ tho in this Navy business. They can sure give me my walking papers any time. Now I really have some good news! I made first class and I figure I've really done good. But I've really worked for it. By god no matter how much I hate this I'm doing every thing in my power to get somewhere. One thing I do know tho and that's when I serve my time and get paid off I'm quitting. I don't give a damn if I have to work the rest of my life I'm going to finish school and go to college and make something out of myself. I haven't enough education to go to Annapolis and if a person can't go

3 there theres no chance to make
something out of yourself here.
You cant make enough money to
really support a wife for one
thing and you cant marry because
its not fair to either one of because
you cant be with her only maybe
two months out of a year. And
only knows I would like to
get married but I've looked
far enough ahead to see that
its practically impossible. Maybe
you'll be mad at me for telling
you all this Mom but I've just
got to tell you. You'll say I'm
just a young pipe who don't
know what Pies talking about.
But here goes. I've told you
about Betty before. Well Mom
I really found the girl that
is as close to perfect as they
come. And honest Mom I love
her with all my heart. And I
know she feels the same way
toward me. Well were engaged

4 Mom but that's as far as it will
ever go until I can get to be
worth something. Don't even worry
about me getting married until
then mom. Please don't call me
a damn fool and please don't
be mad at me Mom. Because
you are the best Mother in
the world to me and always
will be. And if you say that
this is really something that is
foolish I will do as you say.
But Mom I'm a man now and
I know that I'm not so dumb
that I don't know what I want.
I don't even go asking or another
girl don't even interest me. So
you see I really have got it bad.
It really makes this life all the
worse but I don't think I will
ever regret it. I hear from her
every day and she really is
sweet. I'm sending you a picture
of her which is pretty good of
her. She really is beautiful.

that's why I can't see why she
feels in love with a homely fag
like me. I must have something
the girls like. Maybe my big
nose huh Mom? They tried to
get me on the boys' team but
I think I look bad enough
already. Another thing her Mom
really likes me to and she treats
me just like I was her own.
They both cried until they
got me crying when I left for
Bremerton I get to see her two
days before I go to Honolulu. Then
we return in March for five months
I get a 30 day leave then Mom
and Sis come home then or
really know the reason why. So
sure Mom I disappointed you
Mom but if you only knew the
Navy. They tell you what to do
and you go it or else it's to
bad. I had to go because
I was signed up for the Arizona
on account of Lon or else

I wouldn't have gotten to be
with him nor would I have got
a decent ship. The Arizona is
the most modern ship in the
fleet now and has more guns
and modern means of fighting
than any ship now. All the
ships are coming into dry dock
now for the same overhaul. It
takes approximately four to five
months for the J.F. Bay talk
about noise day and night.
That's where you'll find it.
Can't sleep or think in peace or
anything. There are no bunks
on the ship at all and you sleep
on the deck or your hammock
and you can't sleep on one or
the other. Oh it's a wonderful
world. But I can't see it. The
trouble is I have no one in
the world to blame but myself
and there's no way in the
world I can redeem myself.
That's what hurts more than any.

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thing else. I only hope that
some day I might be able to
show you that I have a little
decency in me. You wouldn't
forget me anymore Mom. This place
has made me a really different
person. I guess my troubles and
worries are getting pretty monoto-
nous huh Mom? I only hope
you won't be angry at me. But
Mom you're the only one in this
world who I can tell my troubles
to. If I'm wrong I want you
tell me because I consider your
advice priceless. And I know
no one knows better than you. As
much as it hurt you and Dad
Mom it hasn't begun to hurt you
as much as it does me now. No
matter what, I'll always love
you. I know I never have shown
it but mother, before I never knew
what the score was and now I
have a faint idea. I only wish
I knew then what I know now.

8. The only thing I've got is Betty. And I know I would always be happy if I could have my wonderful parents and her. You know Mom it sure would be wonderful if you could be in San Diego the 35-26. to meet her and we could be with you. God that would be the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me in my life. But I can see it is practically impossible. That would be the good to be true. I'm sure glad you liked the pictures. I sure had a wonderful Christmas and New Years I was out in the middle of the Pacific on the Krays also on New Years. from the 24th till the 6th of January. I was so lonesome and sick I felt like killing myself. And I'm not exaggerating at all. Boy I wanted to come home so bad, and Betty was in the hospital and then the transfer orders came. So far everything has been

9. a terrible mess for me. About the
ring Mom I really and truthfully
don't think I deserve it. And
you make me feel awful. It was
impossible for me to send any-
thing for anyone at Xmas as you
can see. I'm sure glad I sent the
picture to you early Mom. I hope
it will find the presents place
till I come home then I'll sure
make up for it. Please forgive
me Mom. Tell Grey thanks for
the card. I didn't get it till the
end of Jan. I will write her as
soon as possible. Tell everyone
Hello for me Mom and give them
my love. It was a wonderful
letter Mom. Boy I sure was glad
to hear from you. Tell Mom I
guess your getting plenty tired of
reading so by better sign off. I
hope to hear from you real soon.

P.S. I've started saving my All My Love
money. I've got on the books. Carl
I'll send the \$3 as soon as my records are sent
to the ship Mom. I want to thank you again, it sure

one 215 sent to Mom to note go 110000 and



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Aloha!



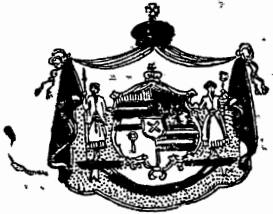
Hawaii

Dearest Mom,

Well mom I thought I had better write again. I answered your other one at Betty's and I can't remember if I mailed it or not. We are in Honolulu now. Gosh but it's terrible! You can't go ashore because there's no way of getting to town and if you do get there, there's nothing to do. You can't get inside a theater and there are no amusements what so ever. The whole fleet's here so all there is in town is sailors. About 100,000 sailors in a town about as big as Sidney maybe a little larger. It's really a hell hole. It's no wonder the sailors get so mad. We were at sea 7 and a half days getting here. Boy some fun! How is every little thing going with you and the fresh? Hope every thing is OK. I'm OK but I'm so dam lonely I don't know just what to do.

There was a kid tryed to commit suicide on here last night. Sometimes I don't hardly blame him. It's really a lonely place for anyone. It's not bad in Bremerton compared to this and we'll be here at least till the 20th of March and maybe longer but it's sure not any sooner. Boy that's a long time. Boy when we do get there I get my 30 days. Look Mom but it's going to be swell to come home. But the heck of it is I'll probably never want to come back. Another thing two of these sheets of paper it costs twenty cents to send an airmail letter. And if you don't send them air mail it takes probably two weeks for them to get there. I got the candy yesterday. Boy was it good. Thanks a lot. Thank Grey to Mom. Tomorrow I'm going to take a Seaman test to get qualified seaman. So I'll also have that and Super's. When I want to change my rate I can take up any thing I want. I have a good chance to go into the land now, but can't make up my mind. It's a little better rate.

Aloha



Hawaii

than Bugler though. But in a little while I'll have my mind made up. I suppose its beginning to get a little warmer there now isn't it. God is it ever hot here. I'm black as a nigger. We wear shorts and skivvie shirts all the time & still sweat to death. Have you heard from Leon? If so please give me his address. If he's here in March which he should be I'm going to get him to come home with me. I hope he will. How is everyone? I wish Dad would write again. I'd sure like to hear from him. I owe Iney a letter but just haven't found time to write to her. My last two months have just been studies and more studies. I hope I can make seaman OK. And I'm pretty sure I can. I got a letter from Gene. From the

sound of it I guess she's kind of sorry
she quit writing to me. Oh yes I also
got the picture. Its really nice. Brings
back some memories. Thanks a lot. Boy
I sure had a wonderful time at Betty's.
I hear from her mother and her just
about every time the mail comes in.
Next Wed. we go on two weeks manouvres
and then back here. I'd rather be at
sea than here. See only two more months
and I'll have been in this hell hole
a year. It seems more like ten years
though. Tell Mom I'm sorry I didn't
answer sooner will reply time as soon
as I hear from you. And it sure is
swell to hear from you. Answer soon.

Your Ever Loving Son
Earl.

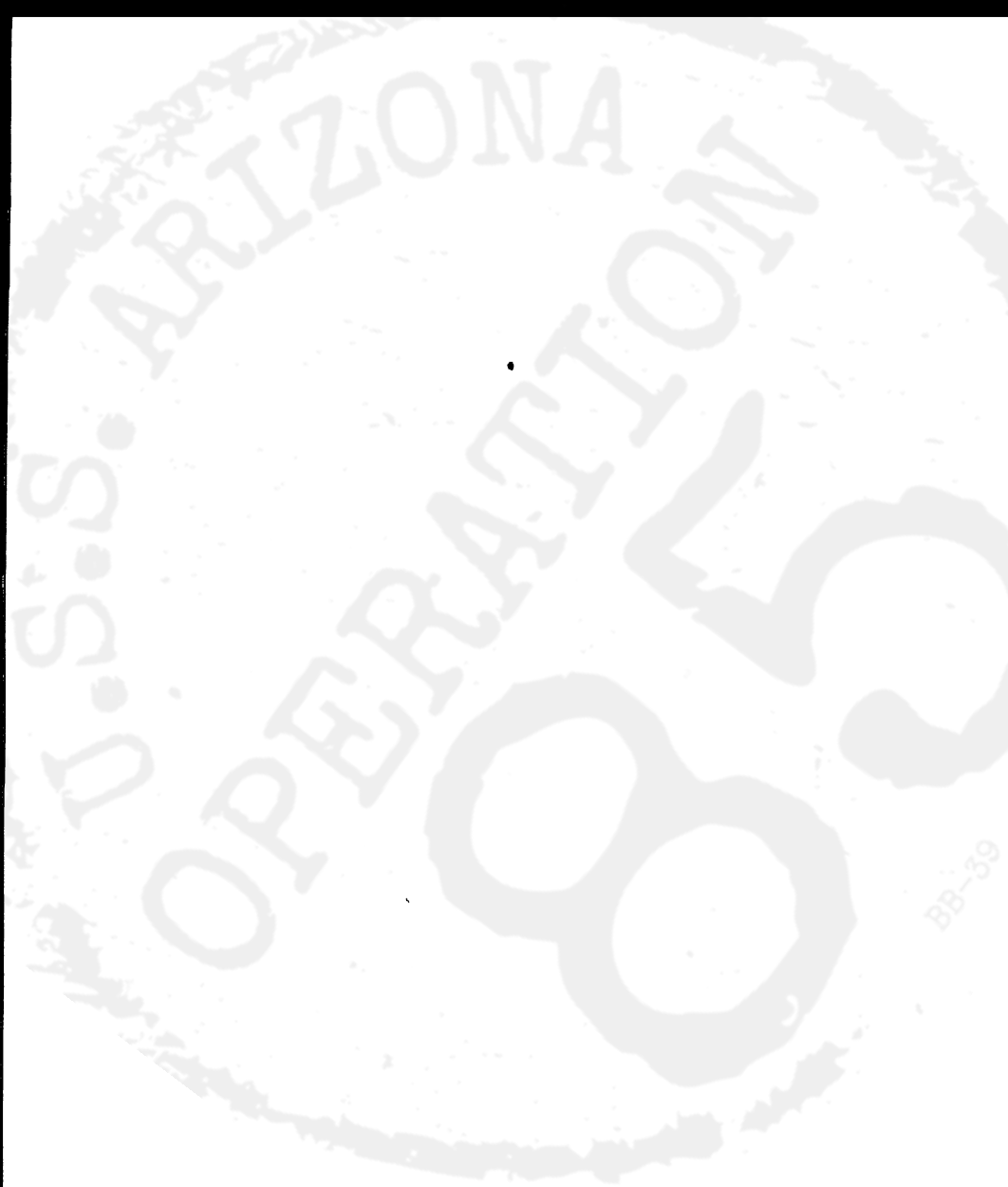
Give my love to All



Mrs. A. J. Peterson
Sidney, Montana

Box 189

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July 23, 1941
U. S. S. Arizona

Dearest Mom,

How are you & everyone else? I got a letter from Inez and some pictures that were sure nice. How come I never got word that she was being operated on? I'm sure glad she came out ok. It sure will be tough on her not to be able to participate in any sport. I got my lake boat. Docked it the other day and it cost me five bucks

to have it fixed. And
then he got it in crook-
ed. Well Mom I've
finally done some good!
Because it is not. The
fifth of every month for
a year, starting August
1941 till August 1942,
you will receive \$25 from
my pay in an allotment
I have made out. It will
be sent on the fifth of
every month by the pay-
master. And there's no
way I can touch it
till the time comes to
renew it next year. I

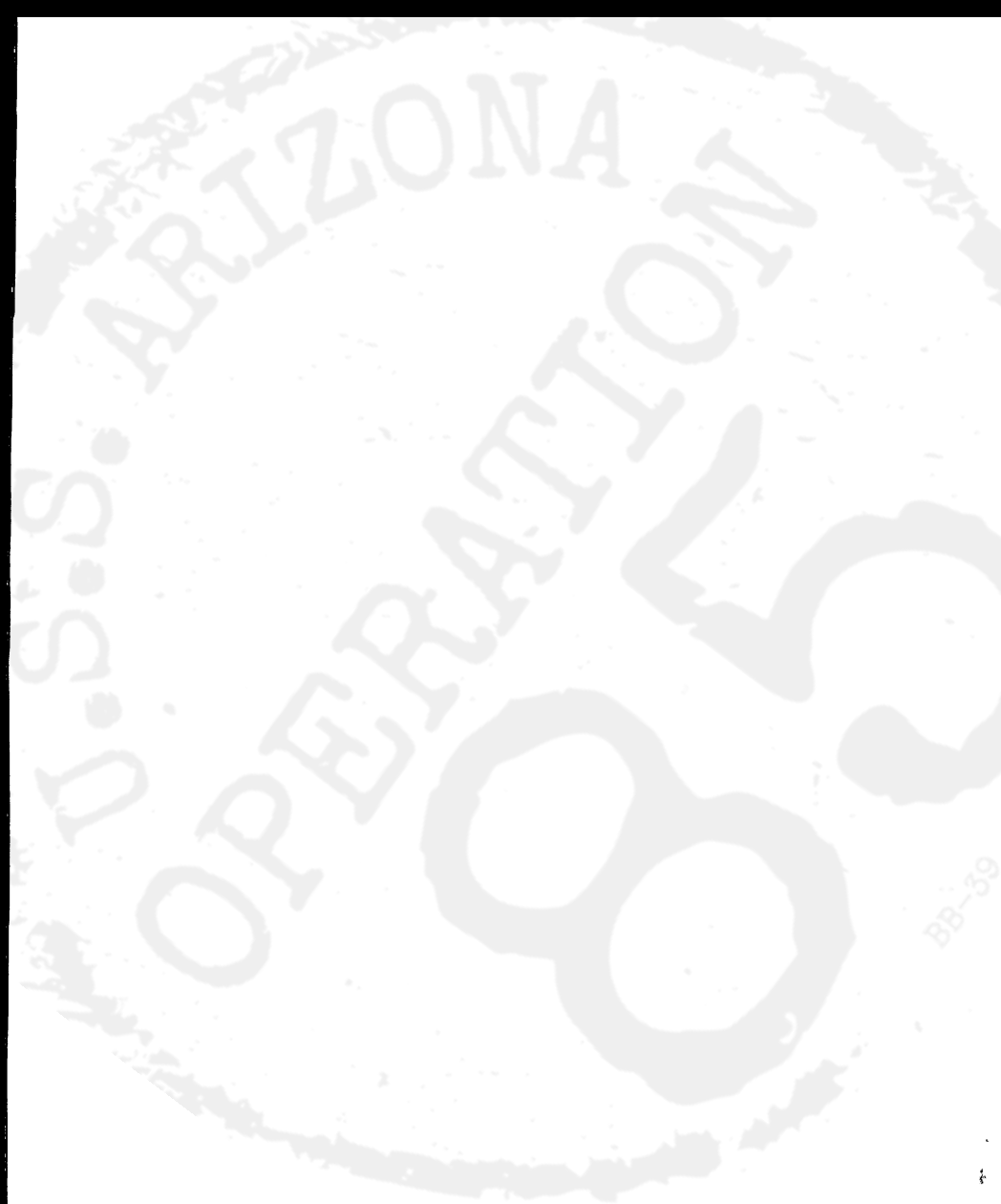
want you to take \$10 every
month and put \$15 away
for me in the bank or
wherever you think is best.
But put it somewhere where
you can draw it out, so
when I get a leave you
can send me a ticket.
How about it Mom? It
was the only way I could
think of saving money
for school when I get out.
You keep the \$10 for yourself
and don't give it to
the kids. I can remember
just how it goes. I've
been wanting to make up

for a few of the things you
did for me and now I
have the best chance in
the world. And when I
make 3rd class which should
be in October I'll increase
it \$5.00 more. I'll only
get \$6.00 more for that rate
anyway. From \$54 to \$60.

Well I finally sent those
pictures. One to you and
Inez & Gene. Hope you
like them. They weren't
as good as I thought
they would be. But
not bad. Now I'm hav-
ing a large picture made

of the Arizona and will
send it to you next week.
It really flatters it some-
thing terrible, so don't
take it for a luxury liner
because it's just the opposi-
te. It won't be long before
you can take and make
the house over into a
picture gallery huh Mom.
But if you don't want
them just let me know.
We'll write soon Mom.
Nothing new here.

Your Loving Son
J. Earl.



Handwritten: Mrs. J. Morrison
Handwritten: Dec 187



Earl LeRoy Morrison

he was a first-class seaman and bugler on the battleship Arizona which was sunk in the Jap attack. An article was published in this paper some weeks before that disaster, released by the Navy, in which he was highly praised for his talent as a bugler which is an important responsibility aboard naval vessels. Following is the official telegram announcing his death to his mother here:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19, 1942
 Mrs. Anna Morrison, Peterson
 Box No. 27,
 Sidney, Mont.

After exhaustive search it has been found impossible to locate your son, Earl LeRoy Morrison, seaman first-class, U. S. Navy and he has therefore been officially declared to have lost his life in the service of his country as of December seventh, nineteen forty-one. The department expresses to you its sincerest sympathy.

Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs,
 Chief of Bureau of Navigation

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REAR ADMIRAL RANDALL JACOBS
 CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT DEEPLY REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON EARL LEROY MORRISON, SEAMAN FIRST CLASS USN IS MISSING FOLLOWING ACTION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY AND IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY X THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR GREAT ANXIETY AND WILL FURNISH YOU FURTHER INFORMATION PROMPTLY WHEN RECEIVED X TO PREVENT POSSIBLY AID OUR ENEMIES PLEASE DO NOT DISCLOSE THE NAME OF HIS SHIP OR STATION.

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 SIDNEY MONT.
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Memorial Service Held Sunday For Earl LeRoy Morrison

A beautiful memorial service was held Sunday at 5 o'clock p. m. at the Congregational church for Earl LeRoy Morrison, son of Mrs. I. J. Peterson, who was killed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when his ship, the Oklahoma, was bombed and sunk.

Commander Paul Hurd of Richland Post No. 12, American Legion, read the Legion manual memorial in honor of LeRoy. Walter Quilling sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and



"Some Day the Silver Chord Will Break," accompanied by Mrs. Esther Rice at the piano. Rev. Rice gave the sermon eulogizing LeRoy, whose memory will ever be held dear by the people of this community for his undaunted courage in making the supreme sacrifice for his country.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. It had been planned to hold the service as a dedication of an illuminated cross Mrs. Peterson is giving the church as a memorial to her hero son. This dedication will take place when the cross arrives.

The service was concluded with taps by two members of the high school band.

ERROR in article. Earl was on the U.S.S. Arizona

We praise God for this rally and are looking forward to the next rally at Lambert on Thanksgiving Day.

Pvt. Kroemer Writes From Camp Roberts, California

Camp Roberts, Calif., June 5, 1942.

The Sidney Herald,
Sidney, Montana
Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the paper. I am enjoying it very much. There are five of us that are reading it. They are Clarence Jensen, Ingvald Tombre, Fred Ellwein, Helmer Kohlman and myself.

We have been having cool weather. Today it warmed up again. About two weeks ago it was 110 in the shade. But has been cool since. We haven't had any rain since I came. Its just as dry as a bone. They say it gets quite hot here, so I guess we will get to see some of it.

At present we are practising shooting. They seem to be pushing us through pretty fast. I do not know how long I will be here, but will let you know when I change my address.

Thanking you again for the paper, and we are all well and appreciate all letters we get from home.

Sincerely yours,
Pvt. Walter L. Kroemer,
Co. A, 82nd Inf. Trg. Bn.
2nd. Platoon.

Labor Contact Point Set Up At Fairview By Sidney Office

A labor contact point has been set up at Fairview in the Fairview Creamery building. Albert Watterson has accepted the position as volunteer contact agent.

The Sidney U. S. Employment office will have direct contact with the Fairview contact office, and through the use of the contact agent by all employers and laborers; results will be assured. Farmers and farm laborers are especially urged to keep in touch with Mr. Watterson.

Other points will be set up in the next week at Savage, Lambert, and possibly at Mona, according to information received from Dan Price, manager of the Sidney U. S. Employment office. All farmers and farm workers, including high school boys, should keep in touch with the contact agent in their locality. Farmers may place their orders for help and unemployed workers should report to those points in order to secure employment.

The Sidney Employment office will have direct telephone connections with all contact points. Complete cooperation from all interested in labor will benefit by this organized plan of farm placement as well as other job openings. Other contact points and agents will be made, next week.

Clarence and James Pedersen trucked their wool to Miles City Monday to be there for the opening of the Miles City Livestock Co. They stayed over for the cattle buyers banquet, which was a big success.

Wm. Davidson, Vo-Ag. Instructor, Weds. Helena Girl

The Presbyterian church in Helena was the scene of a beautiful double wedding on the evening of June 3, when the Misses Mary and Joanna Shoemaker, daughters of Mrs. Frida Shoemaker and the late Edgar M. Shoemaker of Helena, became the brides of William Davidson of Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson of Powderville, and Norman E. Lieberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lieberg of Helena, respectively.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Chester Whittier of the First Presbyterian church with Dean Charles E. Wilson of the St. Peter's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral of Helena assisting, before a background of white lilacs. The prenuptial music and wedding marches were played by Mrs. James Cox. Before the ceremony, Mrs. Edgar Taylor sang "Because" and "O Promise Me."

Mrs. Davidson was attended by Mrs. Joe Gollgoski of Livingston as matron of honor and Miss Virginia Bell of Glendive as bridesmaid. Mrs. Lieberg was attended by Mrs. John Hansen of Seattle as matron of honor and Miss Phyllis Kelly of Helena as bridesmaid.

John Davidson, brother of the groom, and Fred Shoemaker, brother of the bride, attended Mr. Davidson, while Gene Goodspeed and Carol Lieberg, brother of the groom, attended Mr. Lieberg.

The brides were attired in identical dresses of white satin, fashioned along princess lines with a sweetheart neck and full train. Both wore a single strand of pearls. Their veils were of fingertip length flowing from a pearl tiara. They carried identical shower bouquets of pink baby gladiolus, lilies of the valley and stephanotis. Their matrons of honor wore pink marquisette dresses with matching veils and carried old-fashioned nosegays. Their bridesmaids wore identical dresses of blue marquisette with matching veils and also carried old-fashioned nosegays.

A reception was held in the church parlors immediately after the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Davidson left on a wedding trip to Salt Lake City, Denver and the Black Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Lieberg left for various points in western Montana.

Mrs. Lieberg attended Kinn Business University in Spokane until her marriage was employed there Union Bank and Trust Company. Helena. Mr. Lieberg attended Montana State college at Bozeman and Seattle college in Seattle. Washington is now employed as an instructor at the Aeronautical school in Helena, where they will reside.

Mrs. Davidson attended Macalester college in St. Paul and until marriage was employed at the Federal Reserve Bank in Helena. Davidson, a graduate of Montana State college at Bozeman and a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, is teaching in the Sidney high school at Sidney, where the young couple will make their home.



Beverley D. Peterson
Chapter BA, P.E.O.
Program
September 23, 1991

FROM EVERY MOUNTAINSIDE

"My Country 'Tis of Thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty
Of Thee I Sing.
Land Where My Fathers Died
Land of the Pilgrim's Pride
From Every Mountainside
Let Freedom Ring."

These words which Lois has chosen as her theme for this year, have taken on a new meaning with the events of the past year. In fact, the past five years have brought many changes to the world, changes which I'm sure most of us thought we would never see. Freedom has been ringing "from every mountainside" in countries all over the world. They are awakening to a new experience, an experience of individual rights. These rights were not won easily, and in a time when we seem to be abusing our freedoms, we can see hope and joy in the faces of those to whom freedom has so long been withheld. This last war in the desert, brought the reality of war right into our homes. We saw our neighbors, our fathers, our sons and even our mothers fighting against tyranny. We saw the 'humanity' and the 'inhumanity' of war.

I would like to bring this even closer through some quotations from letters written by a very young sailor. He could be your son or mine, a neighbor boy, a grandson. In truth, he could be all sons and daughters everywhere caught up in a whirlwind beyond their control, fighting a war and in so doing, becoming heroes all.

June 21, 1940

"Dear Mom, I just received your letter and sure was glad to hear from you. I get my next leave in the last part of November or first of December. I will get 30 days after I graduate from school. I'm going to school here in San Diego for four months. No, I'm not going to take up aeronautics just yet. I'm taking bugling now. I start tomorrow. It's going to be a lot of fun. Remember how Dad used to kid me about bugling in the Army or Navy, well I'm going to be one now. After I

get my 2 years on sea as a bugler, I get to go to Washington to the Navy music school and in a year's time I will have a chance for the Navy Band. Boy, that's the height of my ambition. Boy, I'll make you glad you own me yet Mom and Dad. I could sure go for that cake and candy idea, Mom. I would sure dispose of it. The food is not getting better but worse now. How are Irene and Inez, and how is Lyle. Tell Jack this is a swell place for an ambitious fellow. Gee, I wish you and Dad would come out here, it sure would be swell to see you again. Loving and missing you....."

July 25, 1940

"Dear Mom, Just got your letter and sure was glad to hear from you. Boy, Mom, I got 3.0 in my test and 4.0 is the best, so I consider myself pretty fair. I started drum lessons and it sure is fun. I heard that the fleet was in Japan now and I also saw it in the newsreel. Tell my brother he ought to join the Army Air Corps, boy, do they ever get a paycheck! About the sailors - we are quite a bit above the average. Well Mom,. I have to go practice. Write soon. Love....."

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"Dear Mom, This is going to be short and sweet because I've got to get to bed. Thank everyone for the cards. Boy, this is sure some place to be on one's birthday. I sure am tired. We've been out on the firing range all day and I am helping the Yeoman in some work now, after taps. Tell Dad that I qualified for Expert Marksman! I made 120 out of 150 bull'seyes. Why don't you write a little more often? It won't be long now till we get on ship and I'll sure be glad to get out of training. It sure is hard on you. Well Mom, I figure this is the best place in the world to be if a war does break out, because now I've had military training and seamanship so I'll know a little about what's going on. Our Company Commander told us today that he thought the Navy was going to get their men out as fast as they could now because of the (possibility of) it. Boy, it sure is cold here at night, with two wool blankets we freeze to death. We also fired machine guns today. Well Mom, answer right quick-like will you? Say hello to everyone. All my Love....."

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"Dear Mom, I've lost 20 pounds and look the best I've looked for two years. Yes, I have come to find out I have a few brains and am finally learning out how to use them. Thanks a million for the paper, (Sidney Herald) I sure enjoy it. Write soon....."

January 14, 1941

"Dear Mom, Gosh was I glad to hear from you! I don't believe I ever was so lonesome in all my life. Yes, I'm on the Arizona now, and as you say, I hate it. About Leon, I have looked forward to seeing him now for six years and got here three days too late. He didn't tell me that he was going to be transferred to New York to go to school, but I guess it's a real chance for him. All of the guys here on the ship know him. They said he was the only one on the machines that really knew his job and liked it. I guess he goes up for First Class this quarter. He and I sure do differ on this Navy business. They can sure give me my walking papers anytime. Now I really have some good news! I made First Class and I figure I've really done good. One thing I do know though, and that is when I serve my time and get paid I'm

quitting the Navy. You can't make enough money to really support a wife for one thing and you can't marry because it's not fair to either one. You are only home maybe two months out of a year. I've told you about Betty. Well Mom, I really found the girl that is as close to perfect as they come. And honest Mom, I love her with all my heart and I know she feels the same way toward me. We are engaged. She is really beautiful. I don't even go ashore or look at another girl anymore. I get to see her two days before I go to Honolulu. Then we return in March for five months, and then I'm coming home for my leave. I have to go because I signed up for the Arizona because of Leon and I wanted to be with him and to be on a decent ship. The Arizona is the most modern ship in the fleet now and has more guns and modern means of fighting than any other ship now. All of the ships are coming into dry dock now for the same overhaul. It takes approximately four to five months for the job. Boy, talk about noise day and night. Can't sleep or think in peace or anything. There are no bunks on the ship at all and you sleep on deck or in your hammock, and you can't sleep on either one. I sure had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. I was out in the middle of the Pacific from December 24th to January 6th. I felt so lonesome and so sick. Boy, I wanted to come home so bad. Tell everyone hello for me, Mom and give them my love. It was a wonderful letter, Mom, I sure was glad to hear from you. I've started saving my money, I've got \$66 on the books. I hope to hear from you real soon. All my love....."

February 10, 1941

"Well Mom, I thought I had better write again. We are in Honolulu now. Gosh but it's terrible! You can't go ashore because there is no way of getting to town and if you do get there, there's nothing to do. You can't get inside a theater and there are no amusements what so ever. The whole fleet is here so all there is in town are sailors. About 100,000 sailors in a town about as big as Sidney. It's really a hell hole. There was a kid tried to commit suicide on the ship last night. It's really a lonely place for anyone. Another thing, two of these sheets of writing paper cost twenty cents to send airmail and if you don't airmail them it takes two weeks to get there. I got the candy yesterday. Boy was it good. Thanks a lot. I have been studying for Seaman for the past two months. I take the test tomorrow. Then I will be a Qualified Seaman and a Bugler First Class. I have a good chance to go into the band now. God, is it ever hot here. I'm black as a nigger. We wear shorts and skivy shirts all the time and still sweat to death. Boy, I sure had a wonderful time at Bettys. I hear from her mother and her just about every time the mail comes in. Next Wednesday we go on maneuvers and then back here. I'd rather be at sea than here. Gee, only two more months and I'll have been in this hell hole a year. It seems more like ten years though. Give my love to all. Your ever loving son....."

July 23, 1941

"Dear Mom, How are you and everyone else? I got my false tooth knocked out yesterday and it cost me five bucks to have it fixed, and then he got it in crooked. Well Mom, I've finally done some good! Believe it or not, the fifth of every month for a year, starting in August you will receive \$25 from my pay in an allotment I have made out. It will

be sent on the fifth of every month by the paymaster. It was the only way I could think of saving money for school when I get out. When I make Third Class which should be in October I'll increase it \$5 more. I'm having a large picture made of the Arizona and will send it to you next week. It really flatters it something terrible, so don't take it for a luxury liner because its just the opposite. Well write soon, Mom. Nothing new here. Your Loving Son.....P.S. My address is U.S.S. Arizona, Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, c.o. Fleet P.O., Bugler....."

The last letter has been lost, only the envelope remains, but it tells so much, for it is postmarked November 27, 1941. The letter was sent just 10 days before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. December 7, 1941, the 'day of infamy' thrust America into the Second World War.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the attack. All during the fall of 1941, Washington's attention was concentrated on the shipping lanes in the Atlantic that kept Britain supplied with war supplies. In spite of the aggressive behavior of the Japanese, Navy ships were drafted out of the Pacific to the Atlantic. Only a few staff officers followed rumors of a movement of Japanese fleet units. Every Saturday night the battleships of the American force in the Pacific tied up in pairs at their moorings while crews were given liberty in Honolulu. At dawn on Sunday, December 7, 1941, while Japanese emissaries were negotiating with U.S. officials in Washington, a Japanese task force of 33 ships, including 6 carriers, steamed to a position approximately 200 miles to the north of Oahu, Hawaii. A total of 353 Japanese carrier-based aircraft were launched in an attack upon Pearl Harbor. As the planes approached the island, they split into 3 groups. Some dove on Pearl from the west, others from the north and the rest attacked from the east, past Diamondhead, striking at their targets from out of the sun.

Of the 97 U.S. ships in the harbor, 18 were sunk or damaged. The biggest prize of the day was the concentration of 7 battleships tied up along 'Battleship Row'. One of those battleships was the U.S.S. Arizona. At 7:58 A.M., the Arizona was hit by 5 torpedoes which ripped into her portside. A large number of aerial bombs hit her decks, one of which was a large 1000 lb. armor-piercing shell that plunged down the smokestack into a powder magazine and then exploded. The concussion of this explosion set off the

main forward battery magazine deep in the hull. This caused the Arizona to erupt violently and sink to the bottom in less than 9 minutes. More than half of all the 2,113 Naval and Marine forces killed that day were aboard the Arizona. Over 1500 men were on board and only 289 survived. More than 1,100 men remain trapped inside the sunken hull forever.

Today the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial spans the sunken hull of the battleship at Pearl Harbor. It is an enclosed bridge and touches no part of the ship itself. The form of the structure is one that denotes initial defeat-the center sag, and ultimate victory-the 2 strong ends. Wide openings in the walls and roof permit a flooding of sunlight and a close view of the sunken battleship just 8 feet below. After 50 years, oil continues to seep from the hull as well as bubbles of air. There is a museum room, an assembly area and the shrine room, where on a large marble wall are engraved the names of the 1,177 Navy men and Marines who lost their lives in the attack on the Arizona. One of those names is Earl LeRoy Morrison, Qualified Seaman and Bugler First Class, from Sidney, Montana. The quotations printed above are parts of letters written by Earl to his mother, Anna M. Peterson (Mrs. Ivan J. Sr.). The memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1962. In tribute to all of the American fighting men killed at Pearl Harbor on that day, the American flag is flown from the top of the mast of the U.S.S. Arizona. Every morning a Color Guard raises the flag and every evening they lower it. The Navy considers the Arizona sentimentally in commission, though it was stricken from the active list in 1942. In memory of the brave men who lost their lives on that Sunday morning 50 years ago, there will never again be a ship named the Arizona.

A total of 3,067 American servicemen lost their lives in the 2 hour attack, 68 civilians were killed and 250 people were wounded. Other battleships which sustained damage were, the U.S.S. Oklahoma which was hit by 4 aerial torpedoes and which caused her to capsize and sink within 20 minutes; the U.S.S. West Virginia which was struck by 6 torpedoes and 2 bombs and which sank at her berth; the U.S.S. Tennessee which was heavily damaged by 2 armor-piercing shells weighing between 1,500 and 2,000 lbs. and which were

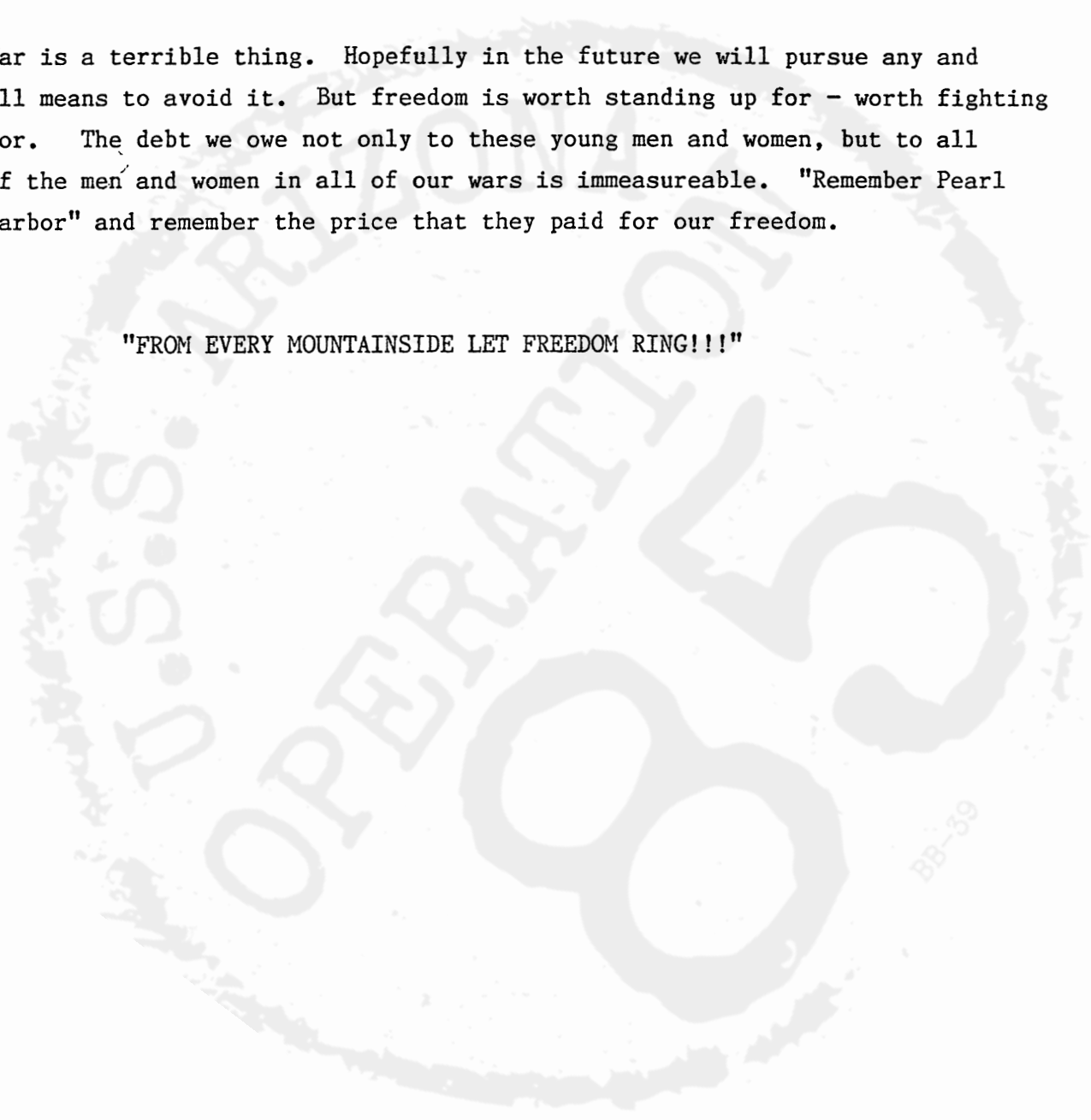
dropped as bombs; the U.S.S. Nevada which was struck by 1 torpedo. It then tried to get underway and through the harbor, but was struck again by 5 more bombs. Because of her sinking condition, she was backed onto the beach at a spot now known as Nevada Point to keep the channel clear. The U.S.S. California was struck by 2 torpedoes and 2 bombs as another exploded in the water nearby and she sank 3 days later. The U.S.S. Utah had been converted into a practice target ship. Hit by 3 torpedoes, she capsized and sank. The bodies of 58 Navy men who were aboard remain in the battered hulk. The U.S.S. Maryland was the luckiest of the battleships, sustaining only slight damage. The U.S.S. Flagship, Pennsylvania was in drydock and also suffered only minor damage. Of the 18 ships sunk or damaged in the attack, 13 were repaired and saw action during the war. Of the 202 Navy planes on Oahu, 150 were destroyed in the first few minutes of the attack. Because of plane damage or condition of runways, only 38 U.S. planes were able to get into the air and 10 of these were shot down. Aiding the U.S. rise from these ruins was the fortunate fact that not one of the Pacific Fleet's 3 aircraft carriers was in the harbor that day. Japanese intelligence had not told their fleet of these changes, and the enemy thought he had sunk a carrier when the target battleship Utah sank. The American carriers together with the undamaged submarine force, soon launched offensive attacks to the West Pacific. Of the 33 ships comprising the attacking Japanese task force, all but one were sunk during World War II. During the attack on Pearl Harbor they lost only 29 planes, 55 airmen and 9 crew members of midget submarines.

This attack on Pearl Harbor aroused a 'sleeping giant' and united Americans with the words "Remember Pearl Harbor." At the time of the attack discontent in the training camps and on the ships was running high and there were threats of mass desertions. "O.H.I.O." was what the boys were writing on their barracks walls in the summer of 1941 - "Over the Hill in October." In August, Congress had voted to extend the draft. It passed by a single vote. Forced into war, America responded whole-heartedly, resulting in the greatest fleet and fighting team the world had ever seen. Men and women throughout the United States rushed to the call of the military services, while civilian

industry, ingenuity, and public opinion backed every effort. The words "Remember Pearl Harbor" rang out again and again as a challenge to the job to be done.

War is a terrible thing. Hopefully in the future we will pursue any and all means to avoid it. But freedom is worth standing up for - worth fighting for. The debt we owe not only to these young men and women, but to all of the men and women in all of our wars is immeasurable. "Remember Pearl Harbor" and remember the price that they paid for our freedom.

"FROM EVERY MOUNTAIN SIDE LET FREEDOM RING!!!"



Just how much of a surprise to the officials in Washington was this attack? At 3:45 A.M. on December 7th, the mine-sweeper Condor sighted a Japanese sub near the Pearl Harbor entrance. The Condor's skipper signaled to the destroyer Ward, which was also on patrol and nearby, giving their position and what they had seen. The Condor then proceeded into Pearl Harbor as their patrol duty time was over. The anti-submarine nets in the channel had been opened for the Condor as she was scheduled to come in at that hour. The U.S.S. Ward responded to the message from the Condor but was unable to locate the submarine.

In the daylight, at about 7:00 A.M. the Ward sighted a submarine and again went to action stations. They sank that midget Japanese Submarine near the Pearl Harbor channel entrance. The commanding officer of the Ward sent this message to the commandant of the 14th Naval District in Pearl Harbor:

"We have attacked, fired upon, and dropped depth charges upon a submarine operating in defensive sea area."

Neither the text nor the implications of this message were distributed to the fleet in time to warn them of the impending enemy attack. The U.S.S. Ward is officially recognized for having fired the first U.S. shot of World War II.

Twelve B-17 bombers from California were expected to arrive in Oahu on December 7th. They had been disarmed to lighten their loads. At 7:00 A.M. an Army radar operator picked up the Japanese mass of planes. He reported this to his headquarters but it was assumed by them to be the expected B-17 bombers. If the approaching planes had been considered to be enemy planes there could have been an alert 50 minutes before the attack. The bombers arrived during the attack, but were unable to do anything but stay out of the Japanese line of fire.

In his book "INFAMY", Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Toland has written a shocking and revealing account of the events surrounding Pearl Harbor.

Toland has uncovered evidence that President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his top advisers knew about the planned Japanese attack but remained silent so that the U.S. would be drawn into the war. He also uncovers the conspiracy afterwards to cover up the facts and to find scapegoats for the disaster, the greatest in U.S. military history. The scapegoats, Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and Lieutenant General Walter C. Short, Army Commander in Hawaii. These men were in command of the fleet and the base at the time of the attack, and they were denied nearly all information before the December 7th attack that would have averted such a disaster.

It is a sad and shocking account of deceit, power, misled ambition, jealousy, etc.





SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

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This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL			MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS		
MORRISON GORDON H			10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY
2. ARMY SERIAL NO.	3. GRADE	4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	1	Pvt.	Basic Training 521
19 055 023	S/Sgt.	471 01 9714	19	S/Sgt.	Painter, General 144
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State)			36	S/Sgt.	Fabric & Dope Mechanic 548
Box 187, Sidney, Richland, Montana					
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	7. DATE OF SEPARATION	8. DATE OF BIRTH			
6 Aug. 1941	23 Oct. 1945	10 Jan. 1919			
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION					
Separation Center, Camp McCoy, Wisconsin					

SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

13. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

FABRIC AND DOPE MECHANIC: Repaired, replaced torn or damaged fabric covering of fuselage, wings, elevators and other surfaces of various types of fabric covered aircraft. Examined airplane to determine extent of damage and type of repairs. Sewed fabric, attached patches, applied dope and then color coat. Hold A.M. rating as fabric and dope mechanic. Also did considerable painting, mostly spray work.

MILITARY EDUCATION

14. NAME OR TYPE OF SCHOOL—COURSE OR CURRICULUM—DURATION—DESCRIPTION

None

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

15. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED	16. DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS	17. YEAR LEFT SCHOOL	OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING	
2nd Yr. High	none	1937	20. COURSE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL—DATE	21. DURATION
18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED			Auto Mechanics and Welding. Hansen Auto and Tractor Co. Fargo, N. Dakota	1 year
Sidney High, Sidney, Montana				
19. MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY				
Academic				

CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS

22. TITLE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER—INCLUSIVE DATES—DESCRIPTION

AUTO MECHANIC: Was employed for 1½ years until July 1941 by Gem City Motor Company, Sidney Montana. Overhauled, repaired trucks and autos. Adjusted rear azles, trans-
mission. Familiar with starting, ignition and lighting systems. Also is body and
fender man and painter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23. REMARKS

None

24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED

25. SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER

26. NAME OF OFFICER (Typed or Stamped)

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