

U.S.S. Hornet CVA-12
Photographic Laboratory
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Dear Mom,

How are you today? Hope you are feeling well and taking good care of yourself. I'm fine and got plenty of sun burn. I sure have plenty and it's enough to last me for about two or three days. Ha Ha.

I went out to Waikiki Beach this morning and stayed out in the sun for about four hours shooting pictures, playing ball, swimming, and last but not least, surfboard riding. Sure had fun riding the Surf Board. Fell a few times and had to swim after the board. I had a swell time all in all and wished that you and Dad could be here to see and enjoy what I have been doing. I got my pants leg rolled up as the calves of my legs are really burnt. I'll put something on them just before I turn in.

I'm sort of looking forward to receiving some mail from you in the next two days. We leave for Japan in the morning and will take about two weeks to get there this time. I'll write en route to Japan. You won't be wanting for any letters from me after I get all these letters completed as I ought to have at least a dozen written by the time we arrive in Japan. You ought to have a dozen letters by the 20th of this month. I mean June. Here it is June already and less than a year to do. Yipee.

Well, I hope you will say hello to all the folks here in Munhall and tell them the Hornet is moving once again. I'll write to Aunt Belle and Uncle Jack before arriving in Japan. I'll write as

I think they will take mail off of the ship before the end of next week. We might meet some other ships coming back to the States.

How is Grandma Caldwell and Mabel getting along now that the summer season is here and the weather is nice? I hope they are well and taking care of each other. I'll write all the time. I don't have any of your letters to answer so I'll have to think of the right thing to say in order to make this a worthwhile letter to you. Sort of hate to only write three or four pages as it's so long from the time I mail this until you receive this letter and have time to write back on the answer.

Well as I said, I don't have too much to say except that I am fine and feel good. I'm in good spirits. Well, it's nine thirty and I have to get to the sack. I'll keep you well informed on my well being and I'll write all the time. You just take care of yourself and Dad. That's all that I'll ask. I'll get your dishes. You don't have to get in any hurry as to receiving them as I'll bring them back with me.

WELL MOM, so long for now as I just can't think of anything to say or write. I'll have to cut this one off as I'm tired and I sure miss you and Dad. Say hello to Tiny for me and watch out for him. So long for now.

Your loving son,
Bobbie