

*Dear Mother, Love Daddy*

Thurs. (I guess)<sup>3</sup>

Dear Mother,

The days are a little run together but if I count up from the time I left home it makes this Thurs.

I've left the Y.M.C.A. and I suppose you might address me at – 4012 Granby St. – Maybe the next letter can be addressed to the Naval Base<sup>4</sup> but I think I'll be at the above address for a few days (possibly 1 week). I met a Dr. from Penna<sup>5</sup> and he has his car here and that is a tourist's home, but we have to pay \$1.50 each day. The best we can do so far. He paid \$3.00 last night.

This is the part you'll probably like. I met a dentist from Bloomington, Ind. and he gave me a good tip. About 3 mile from the base, there is a new addition going up and the houses rent for \$40-\$44 per month. So I'm going to see the personnel Dept. tomorrow and see if I can get a lease for one. I was out today and they are writing leases for them on June 1. They are strictly new and if we are lucky enough to get one, it probably isn't built or started yet. They build them in about 10 days so maybe you'll be down sooner than you I expected.

My feet are tired. Dr. Lentz wanted me to play golf with him this PM but I said no – (He's the one from Penna) so he went on and I'm waiting downtown for my uniforms. I'm writing this at the P. O.

I think we can get a gas ration card of some sort so that we could travel out to the house, should we be able to rent it. Needless to say, the houses aren't so much, but they all have a fire place, 2 or three bedrooms, back room, kitchen, etc., and furnace heat. Any one renting there must be approved by the Navy, and the girl said that any officer of the Navy will be approved. Of

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<sup>3</sup> 21 May 1942

<sup>4</sup> Naval Air Station Norfolk (Norfolk, Virginia)

<sup>5</sup> Pennsylvania

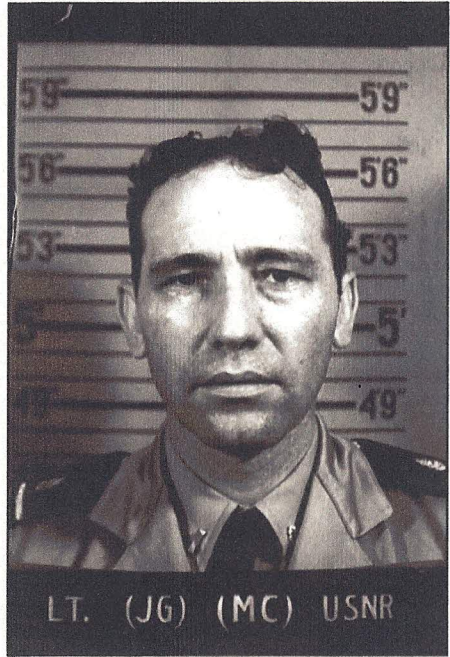
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course the lawns and streets are muddy & rusty for the time being, but that isn't so bad.

Well, I'll try to write to the boys and others when I get more settled. I wrote to the folks yesterday.

You might be thinking of the essentials that you would want to bring down – They have stoves (gas) and refrigerators furnished.

Will write more when I get time. I was excused today to settle some of this running around.



Roscoe's military mug shot

Love Daddy

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Fri.<sup>6</sup>

Dear Mother,

The address I gave wasn't right but in case any comes then it will be forwarded. From now on address me as:

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<sup>6</sup> 22 May 1942

*Dear Mother, Love Daddy*

R S Yegerlehner Lt. jg MCV (S) ~~Unit A~~  
Unit A Dispensary  
N. T. O.  
Norfolk Va.

There isn't much to write as yet but more will follow we hope. I think I would like it swell if you could be here but will see about that later –

Daddy

8003

Sat.<sup>7</sup>

Dear Mother,

Just got home and not feeling so hot. Took shot for typhoid & smallpox. As yet I haven't gotten any mail from home so your letters must be somewhere in the mix up. We may try to move tomorrow to a Hotel across the bay; it will be a little more reasonable only \$1.25 per day.

I had to go to work this A.M. at 7:30 ~~but~~ and home at 4:00 so that isn't bad. I think we should arrange for you to come down at least for a visit and to look the place over. I think I could get an X gas card and send it to you so you would have no trouble. You would have to make it in two or three days because it is very near 1,000 miles – 970 to be exact; at least that is what I got paid for. And I wrote a check today for \$15.80 for the insurance. It is to be taken out each mo. but it is such a short time until I'll be 38 that they didn't have time to take it from my pay.

There are lots of interesting things to see here and it rains almost every P.M. This is the first day it hasn't but from the way it

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looks it will before long. There are numerous airplanes in the air both night and day and anti air craft guns can be seen at various places as well as lots of search lights crisscrossing at night. Down along Virginia Beach cars must dim their lights. We went driving and a cop came up and invited us to turn on our dimmers (we did).

I'm not used to navy life as yet. Just as soon as I got the uniform every one under me saluted me, and I wasn't sure of what to do but I guess we'll learn that as time goes by. You got my address in the last letter in case you didn't –

Lt. (jg) MC V(S) RS Yeg—  
Unit "A" Dispensary N. O. B.  
Norfolk, VA

The time of a complete change of clothes seem to be gone. I've worn the same shirt now three days and the same underwear 2 days. At the base it takes 10 days to get laundry and up town it is so high. The only thing I've changed my socks daily – can't stand it otherwise. I had to get some socks – must wear black or brown. I bought six pair at the ships services for \$1.50. They really are a bargain. Everything is cheaper there than up town.

I'm going down to the Y. tonight to see if there is any mail.

I haven't had a chance to write to anyone yet but the folks. Maybe if we can find a better room tomorrow we can become more settled. And get on a definite schedule.

If you see any of the Rotary Club, thank them again for the pen. I don't know of any other thing they could have given that would have been more useful.

I realize that this is pretty choppy but it's just the things that came to me. Maybe I can do better tomorrow,

Love Daddy