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44 Henry Ave.
Pittsfield Mass

Dear Frank:

Received your very nice letter and thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing me. Naturally we are interested in getting any news about Dick, but I am equally interested in hearing from his friends.

I'm sorry to hear you expect to leave the country soon. Of course, the shake-down cruise is an education, seeing parts of the world which I know appeals to most young men. What follows is not apt to be a 'pleasure cruise' as Dick put it. But I know you, as well as he, will come thru

be satisfied to stay with us forever (he says) after the war is over. We kidded him about getting married but right now he doesn't think he will ever meet a girl who can coax him away from home.

You remember Norma, my oldest daughter. I received quite a shock, I learned she has been married since Christmas Eve. With the boys away, my mother's death at Thanksgiving time, and then this, it was almost too much. She married a sailor and has gone to Portland Maine to live.

Our family is so small now I can't get used to it. I keep on working because I'm with colors flying high.

We received no mail from him last week and that means only one thing – he has gone out again.

I think the hardest part of Navy life is that he can't tell us where he goes or what takes place. He loves to tell me things like that.

We went to Camp Davis North Carolina last week to see our oldest son Bob. He looks so good and was so glad to see us. It rained most of the time we were there but I didn't care, it gave us so much time to just talk to him.

He still dislikes the South, hates the Army life and will

afraid to stay home and just think.

If you have time to write me occasionally tell me about yourself and your family. I hope you have brothers and sisters, I know it would be easier for your mother if there are others to care for. We don't have so much time to worry, when we are busy at home.

Write me again when you have time Frank, and I'll answer quickly. Keep well, happy, and come home soon.

Sincerely

Mrs Cobb.