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Hi Shipmate Boczany:

Thanks for your newsy letter and all the goodies:

Your copy of the letter from the Dept. of Navy and about the Currier was of interest. When I got discharged from the Navy, in Bremerton, Wash. I stopped off in Portland and called the Currier Home. Had a nice chat with the Mother and got their address and corresponded with the Wife and received a picture of (I think) Allen their son. I have it somewhere. She remarried and last I heard they were running a fishing boat out of DePoe Bay, Org.

I passed on the addresses to Comer, just in case you hadn't. I suppose you have guess by now I have only tried to gather and keep all in touched with those that were on the CURRIER from Feb. 1944 thru Oct or Sept 1945. This is where all my material is gathered around. Incidentally I have a project in the works, at Kinko's as I write, that will give names to faces. It is four pages. I had the good sense back when on the ship, of writing the names on the back of the pictures Peach got for us, well most of them. I will be sending them out to us WWII boys.

It is a labor of love and I don't mind doing it and the expense isn't all that great, especially when you enjoy doing it. I too have tried to get Murphy to at least acknowledge that I am alive. There is also a Floyd Bogart that I thought was a pal, but he too, if it is he, has yet to answer. I hope they are not like Grossman and can't write. You know he is in a rest home with a stroke.

Talk about health. Have you had a PSA blood test to determine how your Prostate is doing???? If not get at it. Last January (92) my Dr. said let do a sort of new test and see what is going on with the prostate. I was having no problems, that I was aware of. Low and behold it came back that I had something there, after tests and all I was operated on and had my Prostate taken out that was eaten up with Cancer. They couldn't get it all, so since my PSA has climbed after the operation in May 92, they started me on Hormone treatment, shot and pills for 6 months to see if that will control it. I am only 67 but it can start anytime after 50 so they say. I feel great and my Buddy Keith O'Toole and I do lots of traveling and going on Holidays.

I have been retired 11 years from 32 years service with the DEL MONTE CORP. O'Toole has been retired 9 years from Sacramento Country services.

We neither have families, so it makes for a good time for all.

I am starting on a second story series for the CURRIER, so if you have any thing to add to it, please, please feel free to send them in. You got the last one and I am sure they brought back some memories you could jot down even if they are only a paragraph or two.

Understand from Comer the reunion will be in St. Louis come August. Sounds fun. Hope a lot of you will go. I shan't be able to but would love to have a picture of all 42 of us alive so far.

After you get the package if you have any question please feel free to keep in touch.

Thanks again for writing.

Yeoman Arrington

JANUARY 18, 93

DEAR WAYNE,

TO ALL OUR LOST RELATIVES - ALOHA; ONLY KIDDING WAYNE.  
THANKS WAYNE, FOR THE TWO MANILIA ENVELOPES THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME.  
I'VE OFTEN THOUGHT ABOUT OUR SHIPMATES AND FOR ABOUT 44 YEARS  
I'VE NOT HEARD FROM ANYONE, IN THIS LAST 2 YEARS I RECEIVED 3  
PHONE CALLS AND A COUPLE OF LETTERS, ROBERT F COMER FROM STATESVILLE, N.C  
HAS WRITTEN TO MENTION ABOUT A REUNION AND I HAVE WRITTEN BACK  
TO HIM. WALTER MURPHY CALLED BY PHONE A NUMBER OF TIMES AND HE  
WAS A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME. YOU HAVE BEEN A GREAT  
INSPIRATION WITH YOUR INFO AND I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.  
THAT IS THE MAIN REASON WHY I'M WRITING TO LET YOU KNOW IT  
WASN'T A DEAD END AND THAT YOUR MAIL GOT MY ADRENALIN GOING  
AGAIN. I ALSO GOT A CALL ON 1/6/93 FROM DONALD R. CALL,  
1646 CENTRAL DRIVE, COLLODEN W. VIRGINIA 25510, PHONE 304-743-5535,  
WHICH I SEE IS NOT ON YOUR LIST. I THINK HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO  
RECEIVE SOME OF YOUR INFORMATION YOU SENT ME. I'VE BEEN A MEMBER  
OF THE D.E. SAILORS ASS. SINCE 1981 AND WAS TRYING TO LOCATE  
SHIPMATES THROUGH THIS MEDIA. I HAVE MUCH TO WRITE, BUT BEFORE  
I START WRITING A BOOK, LET ME GET TO SOME POINTS. MY MEMORIES  
OF THE SAILORS AND NAMES OF SOME IS LOST. I GUESS YOU ALSO HAVE  
THE SAME PICTURES THAT I HAVE BUT YOU MAY KNOW THE NAMES OF THE  
GUYS IN THE DIFFERENT DIVISIONS, THIS IS WHERE I NEED YOUR HELP  
ON ONE (8" BY 10") PHOTO ON THE TANTAIL WERE ALL AT ATTENTION AND  
GOING FROM RIGHT TO LEFT - 3<sup>RD</sup> ROW DEEP 2<sup>ND</sup> GUY TO THE LEFT IS ME,  
MAYBE THROUGH OUR WRITING WE WILL SEND PHOTOS TO VERIFY WHO IS WHO.  
I AM SENDING YOU SOME INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE. HOPE YOU  
ENJOY IT.

SINCERELY  
BILL BOOZMAN