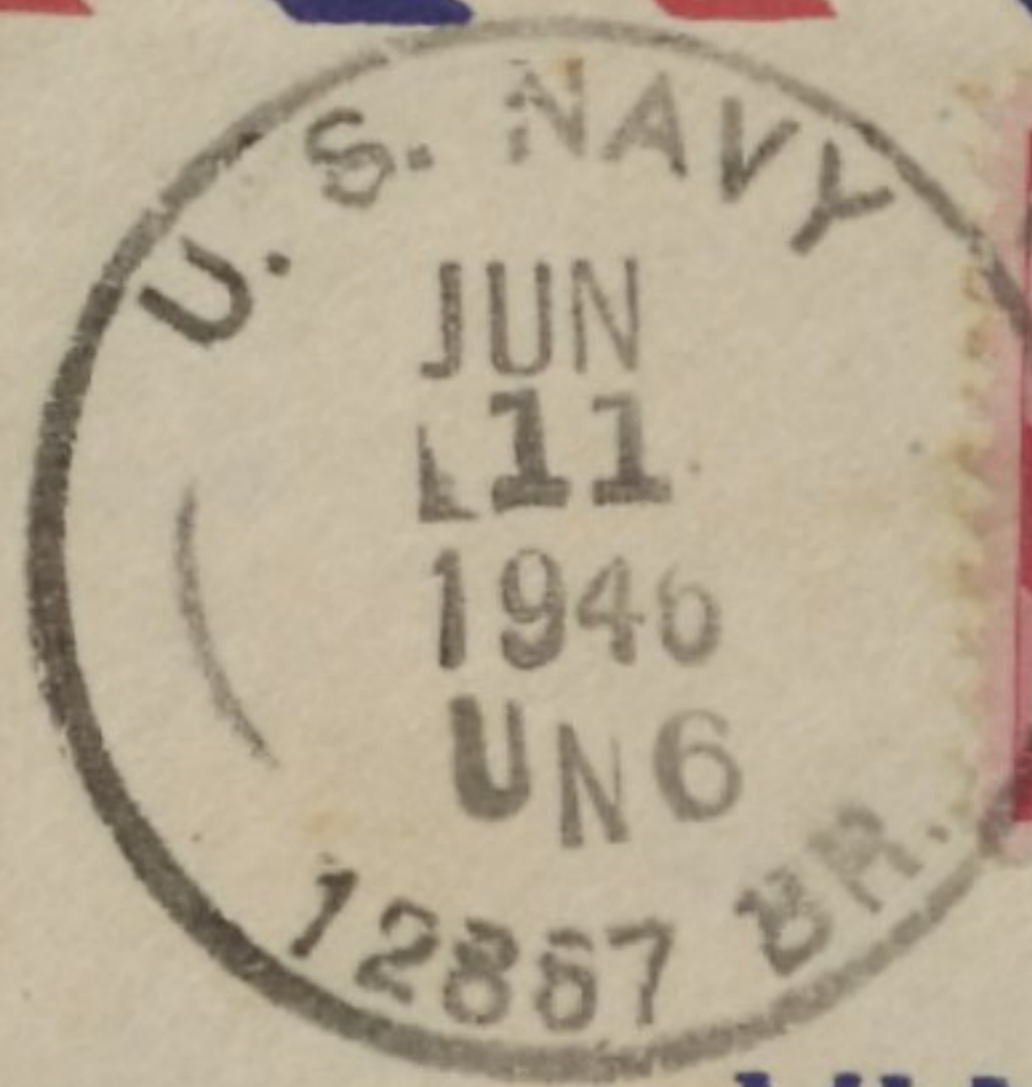




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Precious One -

I got your telegram today about the birth of Louise Eugenia. Louise Eugenia and I have a lot in common already. We're the only two tarheels in our family. Our family is composed of 2 soreback Virginians, a Filipino, and 2 Tarheels - It's obvious which two of the family is the best. We look down our noses at the rest of you riff-raff. Darling - I can't tell you how pleased I am to have another daughter. Although, we call her "junior" ever since we knew about her, I've had a feeling all along it would be a girl. And I've secretly wanted a girl. You know - our 3<sup>d</sup> child is going to present a problem in a few years - when we go to ride

on Sunday afternoon, there'll always be an argument about who will sit next ~~to~~ to the windows.

Tonight at the supper table All the the losers - who thought they were betting on a sure thing - had to pay off.

Incidentally - the word came in via Chinese telegraph. Did you send it via the Red Cross or commercially? I'm saving the telegram - it'll make a nice souvenir to put in L.E.'s baby book. I was in Peiping when she was born. It was the 25<sup>th</sup> out here and the 24<sup>th</sup> there. I can't imagine what took it <sup>(the telegram)</sup> so long to get here. Sixteen days - that's a long time. Air mail usually gets here in 10 days. The delay may have been due to the fact that they got my name garbled - it was addressed to ZACK BOX. Anyhow - a Chinese telegraph boy brought it to me about 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.



I don't suppose you had  
any more than gotten my  
cable about coming home when  
L.E. came. Did my cable  
bring it on? I cabled you  
tonight. I still don't know  
my sailing date, but I should in  
a day or two.

I'm anxious to know how  
you made out. Did you get to  
Camp Bejeune? If not, where was  
the baby born. I know you probably  
didn't stay with the Egan's -  
because I have your letter  
mailed the 23<sup>d</sup> of May saying  
you planned to go to see them  
on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyhow - you  
couldn't have stayed with them  
since you Col. Egan got orders.  
I've got a sneaking suspicion that  
L.E. was born in one of 3 places -  
(1) at your house in Havelock - (2) in the  
dispensary at Cherry Point, (3) in the  
car on the way to Bejeune.

She obviously came early - and I'll bet you hadn't even packed your bag yet. Anyhow - I feel that I should be at home to look after you. I'm sure L.E. ~~at~~ would have gotten a much better start in life if I had been there to ~~to~~ make the first formula for her. Gosh - she'll be a month or more old when I first see her. And I thought by flying I might be able to get home in time for the big event. I'm glad I didn't fly.

Precious, I hope you didn't have too hard a time. I can't tell you how happy - and relieved I am. You've been so brave and cheerful about it all. Gosh - I love you - I'll write again tomorrow. Remember - I love you more than anything else on earth - Yours forever -  
Jack -

P.S. How much did she weigh? will her eyes be blue or brown what about her hair?