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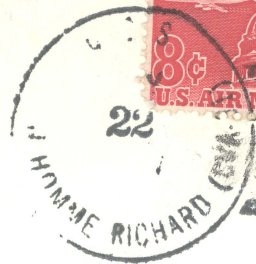
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U.S. Senator Homer Richard (CVA-31)

90 Fleet Post Office

San Francisco, Calif.

The Tompkins
4108 Woodgrove Ave
Covina, California



May 21, 1967

Dear Mom, Dad, & Hawey

Not much new has happened. I got a letter from Hawey & one from Dad the other day - I guess Hawey is really making progress with his driving, but I'll bet no one was taking a nap while Hawey was driving home from Palm Springs.

The ship is still in the Gulf of Tonkin - we'll be here about another month before going in. It looks like

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other carriers and many other smaller ships. At this rate I don't know how long North Vietnam can hold on - I guess with elections coming up the United States is really trying to end the whole thing. But don't worry, nobody bothers this ship or the others.

I still do the same supply work, so
the war developments don't ^{get} affect me very much.

Other than that there isn't much
to talk about. Lately I've been getting
really lazy and spend more time in my
room than on the job. But when things
slow down on my job you have to
take advantage of it, because other
times there's quite a bit of work to do.

~~I just~~ I was recently appointed
to conduct an investigation of an enlisted
man who had to be taken off his job
for 5 days because of a bad sunburn
he got the last time in the Philippines.
After some investigating I found that
it was an accident and not intentional,
so I'm recommending to the Captain
that he not be punished. There are
always little things like this unrelated
to my job to keep me busy, so
things aren't that dull out here.
I'm fine, still probably getting fatter, cause
I eat so much, ~~and~~ will happen
touch. Take Care Love
Alan

[[Nick Dante 6/22/2016]]

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Ens Alan Tompkins
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USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA – 31)
c/o Fleet Post office
San Francisco, Calif.

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Richard (CVA – 31) 22]]

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4108 Woodgrove Ave
Covina, California

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Dear Mom, Dad, + Harvey

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 Alan