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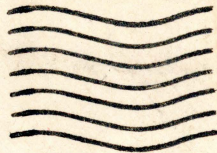
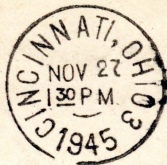
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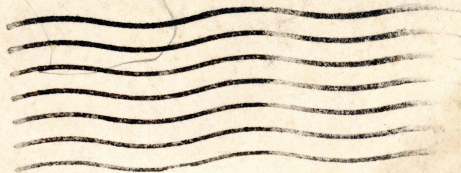
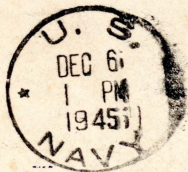


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*William A. Vassar, Jr
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A T B, Little Creek, Virginia*

*208 North Walnut St
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Nov. 26, 1945

Dear Bill,

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Hoping to hear from you soon - I'll
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Tom Gibbons
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