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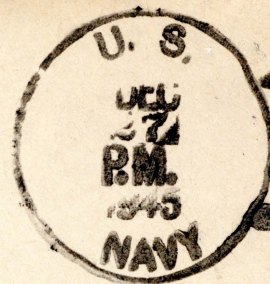
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Mr & Mrs Bill Vaso  
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Carroll,  
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20 Jan. 1945  
400 Miles from Bermuda

Dear Bill & Irene:

After sending you the Navy as a Peace time career, I thought I had better write & get on the good side of you again.

Believe it or not but we'll soon be on our last lap of this trip. Saturday we will be in Bermuda, stay there till around Christmas & then head towards dear old Conway Escort Piers in Norfolk.

I'll give you a brief outline of this trip, maybe you all may have heard about it, I'm sorry that I didn't write sooner about it. We left Bermuda Oct 5 with the seven Italian Submarines, ending up the fourth or fifth day by taking one into the Azores, arriving at San Miguel Azores the 16<sup>th</sup> of Oct staying there 3 days set sail for the Rock of Gibraltar, Moving alongside the Rock around the 25. Making a liberty there to see all the beautiful Spanish Women (are they nice too). Leaving Gib.



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the assistance of another tug we went back in  
& spent the night fixing the cable & getting  
our screws cleared. On the sixth of  
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Some good news came aboard at Taranto anyway. Our new allowance list for Peace time compliment came on board & the ship doesn't rate a 5K anymore. The old man doesn't want to transfer me there. As & according to Almar so & so I rate 30 days leave for unlisting in June of 44. So I hope to see you soon after & get back. We should hit Norfolk about that time too. Hammond has done one days work since



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Hoping to see you soon.

Jimmy



[[Nick Dante 10/27/16]]

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