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UNITED STATES NAVY

Dear Mrs. Davis,

I don't quite know how to begin, but Jimmy said that you would like to hear from me so here goes. As we say, "Shootin' the works." I'm a little "okie" 6'7" tall, weigh 148 lbs, and my disposition, I hope, is not too bad. Jimmy and I have been together for 8 months now and we are more or less brothers. In that length of time I have grown fonder and fonder of him as time goes by. You have a son to be proud of. He works very hard and is doing more than his share. If anyone ever says different tell them to look me up sometime and I will, shall we say talk things over. Maybe in the future I may have the privilege of meeting you I truly hope so. He has told you about me no doubt; all good I hope. Ha Ha It seems as if I know you already. Jimmy has told me so much about you.

Jimmy has told me about Mr. Davis having boxing experience. I myself like boxing and have had about 2 years experience. It's a good clean sport and does a person a lot of good. I expect the Navy has changed sense he was in, but tell him the "scuttle-butt" still flows as ever and we get very little "straight dope." We still take the same "cuff" from the Navy, but I like it better as time goes by. It is a good,

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Clean out-fit and still has the standards to up-hold as always. We intend to live up to those standards and will as long as we remain in here. It has done Jimmy and myself a world of good. If I may say so; it has turned a couple of care-free school kids into men who have obtained ambition and courage to be able to face the world after this little affair is over with out here. All of the men out here are the best and a finer bunch of fellows doesn't exist. When we aren't busy we have a lot of fun and get a lot of laughs with them. Yes we are getting our first taste of making friends like we will do all through are lives when we become civilians again. It makes a fellow feel good and sort of big to know he is on his own and making money of his own. Jimmy's girl looks like a swell kid to me and I'll say that he sure can pick women; by seeing her picture. She can consider herself a very lucky lady to have a boy friend such as my buddy. Well I really must close and "put my sock." It has been very nice talking to you.

a Sailor Friend,  
Robert Fridley

P.S. Hello Mr. Davis

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