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DEAR MRS. DAVIS:

I RECEIVED A VERY NICE LETTER FROM YOU AND IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST ENJOYABLE LETTERS I HAVE RECEIVED SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN THE NAVY. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD TO HAVE SUCH A WIDE VOCABULARY; IT IS ONE OF THE BEST I'VE SEEN IN A LONG TIME. I CAN'T EVEN TRY TO COMPETE WITH YOU ON A VOCABULARY, BUT MAYBE MY LETTERS ARE UNDERSTANDABLE. JIMMY AND I ENJOYED YOUR CANDY VERY MUCH. IT WAS A REAL TREAT TO EAT CANDY OF SUCH A DELICIOUS FLAVOR; IT SURE BEATS THIS 5 AND 10 CENT CANDY WE GET OUT HERE. WHAT EVER YOU DO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT JIMMY. HE IS VERY CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF HIMSELF AND WHAT HE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF, I WILL DO MY BEST TO TAKE CARE OF FOR HIM. WE ARE BOTH SAFE AND IN GOOD NATURE ALL THE TIME AND I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS A LITTLE JAP ON THIS OLD EARTH THAT COULD EVEN COME CLOSE TO EITHER OF US IN A FIGHT, SO THERE IS NO NEED OF WORRYING ABOUT A THING. IT GETS A LITTLE BORESOME OUT HERE AT TIMES, BUT JIMMY AND I MAKE FACES AT EACH OTHER OR MAKE WISE CRACKS TO KEEP LIFE AS CHEERFUL AS POSSIBLE. SAY YOU'RE A GIRL AFTER MY OWN HEART. MY FAVORITE PAST-TIME IS HORSE-BACK RIDING AND NEXT COMES A GOOD MOVIE. I ENJOY RIDING MOST JUST AT DUSK WHEN THE SUN IS SINKING IN THE WEST, FORMING A PATTERN OF UNPRONOUNCEABLE BEAUTY. THE COOL BREEZE COMING IN OVER THE DISTANT HILL AND THE WILD LIFE SINGING ITS GOOD NIGHT TO THE WORLD. YES, I REMEMBER A LOT OF MOTHER NATURES WONDERS AND WILL BE GLAD TO GET BACK TO THEM. I LIKE TO GO TO A MOVIE ABOUT 8:00 OF AN EVENING SO WHEN I GET OUT I CAN GO GET A LITTLE SUPPER AND MAYBE DROP INTO A DRUG STORE FOR A BOTTLE OF COKE OR A SUNDIE.

WELL, AS FAR AS THE FOOTBALL GOES, I HAVE PLAYED QUITE A LITTLE BIT OF THAT AND ENJOY IT MORE THAN ANYTHING I CAN THINK OF. I PLAYED QUARTER-BACK ON OUR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM FOR SOME TIME.

ROBERT L. FINDLY

HEY, THE WAY I'M WRITTING, A PERSON WOULD THINK I WAS TRYING TO DATE YOU UP. JUST TELL MR. DAVIS HE DOESN'T NEED TO WORRY BECAUSE I'M TOO OLD FOR YOU ANYWAY. HOW IS JO ANN? SHE SURE IS A SWELL LOOKING KID AND JIMMY TALKS ABOUT HER ALL THE TIME AND I CAN SEE BY HER PICTURE AND LETTERS THE REASONS WHY HE TALKS ABOUT HER. SHE IS WORTH A LOT OF PRAISE FROM ANYONE TO HAVE A SISTER SUCH AS SHE IS. I HAVE A SISTER WHO WILL BE 17 BEFORE LONG. SHE IS A BLONDE AND ONE OF THE SWELLEST PERSONS I CARE TO KNOW. WE ARE BOTH DEVOTED TO EACH OTHER AND I LIKE TO FIGHT FOR HER MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE I KNOW. YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE ALWAYS A FEW FELLOWS THAT DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THERE TONGUE AROUND WOMEN AND SUCH LANGUAGE IS NEVER USED AROUND MY SISTER IF I AM CLOSE BY, WITH OUT SOMEONE'S ATTENTION BEING CALLED TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE TO STOP IMMEDIATELY OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES. YOU SAY YOU LIKE MUSIC. THE GUYS OUT HERE GET TIRED OF ME GOING AROUND SINGING ALL THE TIME. I LOVE TO SING BUT NO ONE OUT HERE HAS AN EAR FOR MUSIC BUT JIMMY AND JOHNNY (R.E. JOHNSON) (ANOTHER BUDDY OF JIMMIE'S AND MINE). WE HAVE SOME GOOD TIMES TOGETHER AND WE INTEND ON GOING TOGETHER FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS AS SOON AS THE WAR IS OVER. WELL I COULD GO ON AND ON BUT THERE IS STILL A WAR TO EIGHT AND I HAVE TO GET STARTED ON IT. THE MORE WE ALL PITCH IN THE QUICKER IT WILL ALL BE OVER WITH. TELL EVERYONE I SAID "HELLO", AND I'LL BE WAITING AT EVERY MAIL CALL TO GET A LETTER FROM YOU. WELL, AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN WRITE.

AS EVER YOUR FRIEND,
ROBERT

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