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U. S. S. ALBIREO (A. K. 90)  
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



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AIR MAIL

MISS MARGARET APPLGATE  
R.R. 12 BOX 120  
INDIANAPOLIS 44  
INDIANA

PASSED BY  
NAVAL CENSOR  
*emp*

Received  
April 12, 1945



April 6, 1945  
Guess Where?

Dear Margie:

I received your letter this morning and had better answer it right away. The reason for that long period of time, in which you never heard from me, well — We I hit the states I am always going home or here, you know have to make every minute count. So really nobody hears from me, but next time I will surely take time out and write.

Yes, I know Tommy Gorder and Johnny Borchick. If I'm not mistaken your name came from your girlfriend Virginia. She gave it to Johnny to pass on and I got it. Now don't go and give her h---l as a good friendship has developed. Tommy said he would







write today to Virginia.

Tommy is also coming home this time, but I don't know when that will be. I'll give him your address and he can look you up. Hope you don't mind.

The longer we stay here the worse it looks. This place is really a hell hole, nothing to do. It sort of drives me crazy, I would rather be on the move. Lately I haven't had any thoughts of going ashore. Then you never know if its going to rain or not. Hollywood made a picture about the islands down here, the name of it "Rainbow Island." Well I haven't seen anything like it yet, and I've seen lots of islands.

Well Margie I guess this is all for now.

R. APPLEGATE W.T. 3/4 as ever  
Dick



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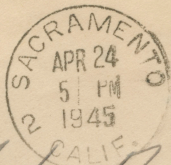
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FROM.  
L. APPELEGATE  
4654<sup>th</sup> Ave  
SAC-CALIF.



Miss M. L. Applegate

R. R. 12, Box 120

Indianapolis

Indiana

Received  
April 28, 1945



Sacramento-Calif

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1945

Dear Margaret:

We received  
your card and the baby  
ring, please except  
are sincere thanks  
and appreciation of  
your thoughtfulness.  
Baby (Robert Gary)  
Born Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 lbs  
11 oz's Sunday April  
22<sup>nd</sup> 12 lbs 8 oz's  
so you can see  
he is growing  
fast. So far we  
have not missed



a nights rest. We  
put him to bed around  
8 o'clock and he will  
sleep until around  
seven. Only hope this  
will keep up.

We received a  
letter from Richard  
Saturday, he passed  
the exam. for WT/c  
~~and~~ some time ago  
and was given the  
new rating on this  
trip. He hopes to  
be home soon.

The other boy (Milton)  
is on a mine Sweeper  
USS Superior (A-17317) some  
where in the South Pacific



He is a 5'c.

Like everyone we will be glad to have the boys home for good. Certainly can not end too soon for us.

We are going to have some pictures of the baby soon and would be very glad to send you one, if you would like to see what the new Applegate addition looks like well Margout once



again. That's a million  
and please let us  
hear from you soon.  
Believe it or not  
the misses caught  
her thumb in the  
wringers, so I had  
to pinch her for her.  
I hope you won't  
mind and I promise  
she will write next  
time.

Love from all  
Dad Mom + Bob  
Applegate



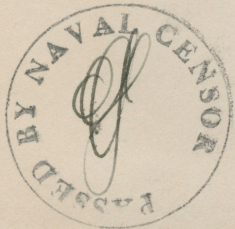
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U. S. S. ALBIREO (A. K. 90)

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



MISS MARGARET L. APPLE GATE  
R.R. 12, BOX 120  
INDIANAPOLIS 44  
INDIANA





Received  
May 6, 1945



May 10 - 1945  
Guess Where?

Dear Margie:

I received your letter yesterday and will take time out and answer now.

I am very glad that Virginia has heard from Tommy. Tell her to write and I'll give her all the information that is in my power.

I am very sorry, but unable to come to Indiana this time, maybe in next time. You see I turned 30 days down but next time I think I'll take them. So you'll have to hold that rain check for me, how is that?

I went ashore here



May 10 - 1945  
Luna Luna?

Dear Maggie:

I received your letter  
yesterday and with  
time and some  
I am very glad that

you have been  
happy. I'll be  
and all you  
information that is  
my answer.

I am very sorry but  
I can't come to  
the time, maybe

you. For me it  
I'll think  
I'll think  
that you  
I'll think  
I'll think



yesterday and the place is still the same. I don't like this place and hope I never see it again.

I did more walking than I ever did in my whole life. To top everything, there was no beer and I sure needed ~~one~~ by then.

Last night I seen the fights that they have here. The boys really put on ~~some~~ <sup>a</sup> good show. I don't think I'd like to step in there with them, somebodys likely to get hurt - me!! But all kidding aside they were good.

After the fights we had the movie







on board ship, but I  
was too tired so I  
just went to sleep.

Well I guess this is  
all for this time. Write  
in any free moment you  
have.

As Ever  
Dick.

R. Applegate W.T.C



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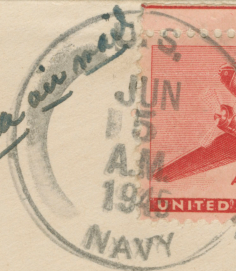
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 Dick

R. Hyatt W.T.E.



Mel Applegate 5 1/2  
U.S.S. Superior (AM-311)  
% Fleet Postoffice  
San Francisco, Calif.

*via air mail*



Miss Margaret Applegate  
R.R. 12, Box 120  
Indianapolis 44,  
Indiana



Received  
June 14, 1945



MEL APPELGATE 5<sup>4</sup>  
U.S.S. SUPERIOR (AM-311)

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 45

Dear Margaret

I want to thank you for the birthday card, It was very nice of you to send it.

My brother, Dick has told me about you, and according to him, he says you on the pretty side, of ~~course~~ any sailor who receives a card and ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> bewildered like I, would like to know much more about you, or what you look like? You know, you should of wrote something on that card, so I ~~st~~ could make out a lot better with this one, as it is I'll have to wait until I receive a letter from you.

Sincerely  
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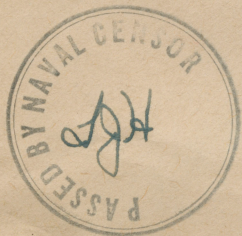


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USS SUPERIOR (AM-311)  
% Fleet Post Office  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

via air mail  
U.S. NAVY  
JUN 28  
A.M.  
1945



Miss Margaret Applegate  
R.R. 12, Box 120  
Indianapolis 44,  
Indiana





Received  
July 6, 1945



9 Mel Applegate 5<sup>1/2</sup>  
2:55 SUPERIOR/AM  
June 27<sup>TH</sup> 45  
In Port

Dear Margaret.

I was going to see the movie in the Mess hall tonite, but our mail came aboard so I thought I'd answer back so I'd received more mail, so hear I am about to tell you about myself.

Well I'm 19 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, weigh around 150 and have brown hair, and sort of blue and green eyes, and I like sports. I graduated from school before I came in the Navy, that was in Feb. 44.

In High School I played on our Basketball, Football, and Baseball teams. We were champs in Basketball twice, and once in Football. Besides sports I like poster painting, in fact I was doing poster work for



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252 SUPERVISOR  
June 27 45  
In Post



a few films in town before  
I joined the Navy. Well  
for entertainment I like  
dancing, Ice skating and  
going on picnics, those are  
about my favorites.

You asked if I've  
seen Robert Gray as yet, well  
I'm sorry to say I haven't  
seen him but my mother  
has sent me a couple of  
pictures of him. Well that  
about covers myself so now  
I'd like to ask you a  
couple of questions. I'm pretty  
sure I ask for a picture  
of you, but you didn't say  
anything so I'll ask you  
again, Would you mind  
sending me a snapshot of  
yourself? Second one is, How  
did you and Dick start  
writing each other? Well that  
just about does it, until I  
hear from you again.

as ever  
Mel.



I have found in your paper  
I joined the way. Well  
for entertainment I like  
deceiving, see what you  
going on, please, there are  
about my friends.  
You asked if you  
can Robert, say a year ago  
in your to say I don't  
see him but my mother  
has not see a paper of  
pictures of him. Well, the  
about cover myself to see  
to see to see you a  
copy of picture. The copy  
me I ask for a picture  
of you, but you don't see  
anything as till you  
again, would you mind  
sending me a snapshot of  
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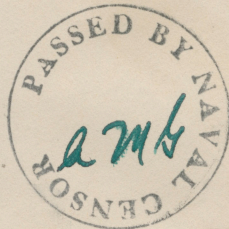
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U. S. S. ALBIREO 171590  
C/O FLEET POST OFFICE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.



Miss Margaret Applegate  
R.R. 12, Box 10  
Indianapolis 44  
Indiana

AIR MAIL





Received  
July 20, 1915



U. S. S. ALBIREO

MAIL ADDRESS \* U.S.S. ALBIREO \* FLEET POSTOFFICE \* SAN FRANCISCO

A.K. 90



July 4<sup>th</sup> 1945  
At Sea

Dear Maragert

Once again I am out here sailing this blue Pacific and am glad that this is going to be my last trip for some time, I hope.

Well by now school must be out and you should know if you have passed those exams. I don't think that you worried too much about them, as you seem to take books home all the time. You see I never had the time or should I say didn't feel like it.

Lots took place this last time in that surprised lots of ~~the~~ people, even myself. It seems that the girl that I use to go around with in high school and then now and then after the service have just become engaged. I ~~am~~ am very glad because I have always thought a lot of her and now more than ever. We are to be married this time in and I can hardly wait.



U. S. A. M. I. R. E. O.  
MAIL ADDRESS \* U. S. Z. AIRMAIL \* WEST POSTOFFICE \* SAN FRANCISCO



July 4 at 1942  
St. Ben

Dear Margaret

Once again I am out here waiting  
this blue Pacific and am glad that this  
is going to be my last trip for some time.  
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U. S. S. A L B I R E O

MAIL ADDRESS \* U. S. S. ALBIREO \* FLEET POSTOFFICE \* SAN FRANCISCO

A.K. 90



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Can't say that I know much about the wedding except it is suppose to be a big church wedding. So all I can do is sit tight and wait.

If luck holds out I should see my kid brother this time. I sure hope so as I haven't seen him in 18 months. From the reports that I have received he is looking the best he has ever looked. Then I have a cousin <sup>down</sup> there that I haven't seen in 2 years. He and I used to be thick so I have lots of things to take care of.

Well Marggie I now have to close as chow is getting near and I am very hungry.

As Ever.

Dick.

R. Applegate W. T. 1/2



