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OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: North African and Mediterranean Theaters of Operations

- The following excerpts are directly from two original wartime letters written by Charles. These are the only letters from Charles in the site curator's possession.
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Charles writes his future wife in the United States:

“in Port
February 10, 1944,
315 thursday aft.

I came back aboard the ship at 2 minutes til twelve last nite and reported in from my leave. I have been aboard since then, I am not in tonites liberty party but get liberty tomorrow nite and probably wont use it, because if I am to get married the next time in I need all the rest I can xxx get. I will get my blood test some time around the middle or latter part of April so when I do come home there will be no delay. and we can spend a good deal more time together and have a lot more fun I know we are going to be happy as a couple of larks.

I havnt gotten nothing stronger than Royal Crown Cola to drink and as long as I have to look forward to getting married when I get back I shall proceed to keep away from liquor and save it for our future house & kids. You know by now that I love you very much even if you had no hair, and I do want to see you with your hair down, and darling you allready know you are in my nearest thoughts nites & days, and I am sure that you put an end to those wild Benders, fights and nites, when you said in your own words I would have to drag you down to the alter...

...I dont think you or any other girl has ever been kissed as much as you were on my last leave. and I am sure the next time and each and every time after that will be the same married or not I am on cold iron watch and have to watch these yard workers they would steal the crutches from their own grandmothers...

...Kisses & love
Charles...”

Charles writes his now-wife again in the United States:

“[May 13 1944]
- at Sea -

Well Darling another day has gone by and we are getting closer to our objective but the day I really want to see is the home coming of the 258, gosh she sure is one heck of a nice looking ship in every way, nothing much has happened today except our refueling we also had a personal inspection I guess it was fairly good but gee I do dread the times when we have to wear whites on liberties they get dirty so doggone easy and are really hard to get clean or even half way clean...
...Well darling in just (XX) XX more day days we will be married just a month but gee it sure is a grand feeling to know that u are there at home waiting for me. I hope we get one nite to ourselves...so we can go someplace to dine and dance and be with one another because I love you so much...
...Well Darling I will write once or twice a week because we are really busy at work. I am now getting a nice Sun Tan. I love you

Your loving husband
Charles”

- Charles made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
- **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime newsreel in the public domain that covers the type of convoy operations which Charles participated in (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/NPC-16528>
- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Charles’ wartime organization, the U.S.S. Walter S. Brown (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Walter_S._Brown_\(DE-258\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Walter_S._Brown_(DE-258))