

**NAME:** Charles

**RANK:** Not Available

**ORGANIZATION:** U.S.S. Parche

**OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE:** Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations

- The following excerpts are directly from two original wartime period letters written by Charles. These are two of many letters from Charles in the site curator's possession and more will be transcribed in the future.
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- No controversial material has been omitted from the following excerpts aside from edited profanity for the protection of younger readers. No grammatical or spelling errors have been corrected.

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**Charles writes a friend in the United States:**

“May 13, 1944

Well my address has changed again but I'm afraid you'll have to guess where.

I met some 'Aussies' the other day and they seem to be pretty nice 'Blighters' as they would say and are not at all like the 'Limeys' that I have met, in fact they even talk different. The thing that made me laugh was the fact that they thought we Americans were really ambitious which certainly is a complement coming from them.

My tan is certainly coming along good and I believe it will stand me in good stead when I get on my submarine.

If I keep my head out here I believe I can save a lot of money while I'm in this section of the world.

You know...I woke up this morning in a sweat...and I must admit that I was sort of suprised to find myself in the 'Crews Quarters' with the smell of Human bodys closly packed into a small space...Well I'll hang my close on the line – with the Usual

'All My Love'

Charles”

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**Charles writes his friend again in the United States:**

“January 10, 1946

You guessed it! I'm an old married man with a big belly and a double chin, caloused hands, Slumped back, baggy eyes and all the other symptoms of married life that completly wrecks a man.

No, the truth is that I am happily married to a very nice girl and in the complete possession of happiness. (A very rare feeling.) In case it would interest you – There are no little ones populating or going to populate this world for some time to come. (I don't know when!) To the good fortune of above said world...

...Look, if this letter isn't very good I'm afraid you'll have to excuse it because I'm working right now and it should really have my undivided attention. See what I would do for you...

...Since I saw you the last time I have had a variety of experiences I wish never to experience again I'll try to tell the movements I arrived home safely and finished my leave went back and on my way back stopped in at Jaurez, Mexico had my wallet stolen was doped and a number of other miscellaneous misfortunes then flew to Los Ang. where I was picked up for being four days over-leave. Went back to the Boat in handcuffs and spent 4 more days in the Brig upon getting out I sent for my girl and got another 20 day leave and married her after which time we had one month together thence I went over-seas and made one more war-Patrol and we got the hell knocked out of us. (We hardly thought they were losing the way they threw the Depth Charges at us – also aerial Bombs) but we managed to get back safely and I was xxxxx transferred on Midway because my nerves were shot along with 13 other guys... Then the war ended and I came back to the states got 21 days leave and was with my wife 2 Months more besides that then I got transferred back to this boat after the Doc said I was O.K. again. I'll probably stay on here until we put this boat out of commission which will probably be about next June...

...It seem I am a bit erratic tonight in thought ect so I'll just hang xx up...

Yours

Me''

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- Charles made it through the Second World War but when he passed away is unknown.
  - **For visual context, this link connects to original wartime footage in the public domain that covers the above time period and the type of submarine which Charles served aboard (viewer discretion advised):** <https://archive.org/details/NPC-15521>
  - **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Charles' wartime organization, the U.S.S. Parche (reader discretion advised):** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS\\_Parche\\_\(SS-384\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Parche_(SS-384))