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Wyman writes a friend who is also serving in the U.S. Navy:

“U.S.S Lesuth A.K. 125

Tokyo Bay, 10/3/45

Recieved your letter a little while ago...We are still here in Japan but expect to leave within two days. We are nearly unloaded. There was supposed to be five L.C.T's coming alongside today. But there is a storm brewing up so guess they won't be coming. Just closed up the hold, #4. brought the gig aboard. And it all had to be done during chow time, the same as it always was...Quite a few guys have left again...Guess we will be going back to the Phil. islands from there we don't know where...We can expect a rough trip wherever we go tho. Remember the time we came back from Guadalcanal...It was pretty rough between Pearl & Frisco. Don't care very much for that kind of weather but guess we have to take it. Would be nice to come back to the states & we are all hoping for it. Perhaps won't make any more trips across, 30 points you know. & there is talk of upping it a quarter point for sea duty. That would raise my score to 36. I expect to be out this spring sometime. Hope the same for you old man.

This Tokyo Bay is a treacherous piece of water. It can be perfectly calm, then within ten minutes it can be rougher than blazes. Have been on two liberties so far. Yesterday was the last one. Will be no more here. To my opinions this Japan stinks. They brought beer into Yokosuka City. They could just as well dropped a bomb instead as the town will be wrecked in time anyway...

...This letter won't be very long...as they are really starting to get hot. The entire ship has to be painted & cleaned up, everything starting to be secured for sea... Yesterday afternoon, not quite a half mile from us, a Japanese tug with a barge alongside blew up with a tremendous explosion. They had been carrying live J _ p ammo and the water was pretty rough. There were 30 fellows on the barge 12 or 13 were killed by the blast. They lowered the gig in double time so [our guys] were the first ones over there to offer help. There were quite a few other boats around but none of them dared to go in as the live ammo was still smoking & lying all about...made three trips over to the hospital ship with 2 wounded Americans & the rest J _ ps. One Amer. died on the way...said it was an awful sight, with guys laying all over with their arms, legs, brains & guts splattered from here to h _ _ l and gone... There is another storm supposed to hit & the sea is getting pretty rugged. Thats all there is around here. Makes unloading nearly

impossible.

So ol Betty really gave you a work over did she. Sort of thought she would as she had hot pants that night. She gave me a good _____ by rubbing _____ against me while we were dancing. Wish I could be dancing with her again. That would mean I'm back in the States again anyway. Well good to hear you enjoyed yourself anyhow. About the money business. Well here awhile back I took out an allotment to myself. Sending \$50 a month to my bank... That will count up a little anyway Will tell you something... That time in Seattle was my last big shindig... I can't s ___ w around like I used to do. Time to start buckling down on things. So don't worry too much about it any more.

My Sis... was pretty sore at me you know, perhaps still is for she hasn't written to me. You bro. got a deferment till Feb. Fine. Where is he going in the Army or Navy. Heard the Navy is getting a new style uniform. Wonder what they will look like. Tell you what... the next time we get together we will spend it together more often. We will chase women if we feel like it...

...Im going to sign off now... Write again soon will you. I'll do the same first chance I get. Glad to hear from you this time so keep it up. Greet your folks for me. Don't work too hard & don't get too rugged with the women... Line up a couple, & be ready. I prefer brunettes, & nice, you know. So come on pal you're the guy who can fix it up. Well so long till next time.

Your friend always,

Wyman.”

- Wyman made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 70s.
- **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime period film in the public domain that covers Tokyo Bay which Wyman mentions in his letter (viewer discretion advised):**
<https://archive.org/details/TheArmy-NavyScreenMagazine68>
- **For additional detail, this link connects to the Wikipedia article that covers Wyman's wartime organization, the U.S.S. Lesuth (reader discretion advised):**
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Lesuth_\(AK-125\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Lesuth_(AK-125))