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Dear Boy;

Well I guess that I had better ans the letter that I got from you the 29th of sept but You see I did not get around to it till now and the reason for it is that I have been on another ship for temp. duty and I did not have the time to write to anyone while I was there but n now that I am back to the ship I can continue where I left off so here it is.

I was glad to get your letter as I always am I suppose that you heard that I made another rate while I was on leave I made it ther first of aug and they gave it to me but that was alright for me mnow if I get married I will get \$35.00 more for it so you see I think that I will get hitch to that little girl up in Washington she is a honey and she will join the church to marry me what do you think of that is it all right to do that, and say a fellow asked me a question so I will aske you it , it is this he wants to know if a women who was married outside of the church I mean that they are bouth Protestens and now they are dev divorcees would it be alright if this women joined the church in order to marry this boy who is already a \$\$\$\$\$\$ in the church and you tell me for him? I told him that I would aske you about it I knew that you would know or find about it will you?

Well things are the same out here as ever and now it is not so hot as it was awhile back it rains ever once in a hile now and that makes it cooler to be around. Well I guess that I can't to seem to think of any more to write about but mae y next time I will have some good newa for you so stadd by for it you mabey surprised at it if you know me I do things in a hurry so you may have a sister-in-law to cope withe the next time you come out here to the coast so look out for my smoke well till the next time this the end. (finis)

your Bro. Pete

"Boy" is Henry Bernard Jr. When he was born in 1907, the doctor announced from the birthroom, "it's a boy", and the nickname stuck. Henry's brother Pete (Frank Peter) wrote this letter aboard the U.S.S. Arizona. It was the last letter received by Henry from his brother.