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Nope, the "Hornet" has not been to the States yet. An officer on the ship told me before I left, he expected it back in May or June of this year. Do not depend too much

on that because no one really knows for sure.

The "Hornet" has been in every major engagement since she has been out there. She has been in battles hot & heavy. In my opinion, the Lord has been with her and brought her out safely each time. One time at Formosa, I thought we were done for, but we came out without even a scratch. We were also in the second battle with the Japanese Fleet. I left the ship right after that. I ~~can't~~ wouldn't want to say where she is now, but I have a good idea.

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He has a swell position and
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kind of fellow that drove
a person to do something,
he always helped us do it,
and I want to tell you,
you really have a swell son.

The next time you write
him, tell him, IRVIN, get a
30 day leave plus 10 days traveling
time, and then I have to report to
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this letter finds you well + happy.

I remain, Ralph C. Irvin.

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