



UNITED STATES NAVY

 USS LST 349
 40 F.P.O. N.Y.C.

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 Dear Friends,

Your interesting V-Mail letter of 3/29 came in several days ago followed by a most welcome carton of Camel cigarettes received today.

I sincerely thank you for your generous thoughtfulness and I appreciate it. My shipmates also appreciate your gift, you know what I mean!!

I suggest the State of R. I. get on the ball, now, and appoint Mr. Ripley as State Director of Placements for Service

Men. Vets would welcome such a move.

We are resting up here in North Africa. Was in at Anzio the first day, adding another star to my campaign bar.

I am well and happy to say my five brothers in service (around the globe) are doing all right.

Sincerely,

Taron French, Jr.
 '28.