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PICTURED ABOVE ARE JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT, SON OF THOMAS DENNY AND ELIZABETH (LIB) OWEN SARGENT, AND MARY ALEXANDRA TENNANT SARGENT AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25, IN WEST HARTFORD, CONN. AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE WEDDING APPEARED IN SARGENTRIVIA OF JULY 21. JOE AND MARY ARE LIVING AT 139 MILTON STREET, WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

CLARE LATTIMORE, DAUGHTER OF EMILY LEWIS AND DAVID LATTIMORE, WAS BORN ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, AT 6:15 A.M. IN THE GRACE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL IN NEW HAVEN. SHE WEIGHED 8 LBS, 9 OZ., IS THEIR SECOND DAUGHTER AND THIRD CHILD. SHE WAS NOT NAMED FOR ANYBODY. SHE IS A GRANDDAUGHTER OF W. SARGENT AND CAROL BODMER LEWIS, IS A GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF EMILY SARGENT LEWIS (1866-1931) AND A GREAT-GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGE HENRY SARGENT (1828-1917). EMILY BROUGHT HER BABY HOME TO THE LEWISES AT 188 BISHOP STREET ON SEPTEMBER 14. SHE FOUND THINGS IN THE ROOMING-IN UNIT OF THE HOSPITAL NOT NEARLY AS SPARTAN AS THREE YEARS AGO. DAVID IS RETURNING TO ITHACA, N.Y., TO COMPLETE HIS COURSE FOR A PH. D. AT CORNELL.

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PRISCILLA ANN PARKER, DAUGHTER OF PHEBE-NORTON FISHER AND CHARLES SPRAGUE PARKER, WAS BORN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, AT 12:08 P.M. IN THE VIRGINIA MASON HOSPITAL, SEATTLE, WASH. SHE WEIGHED 6 LBS, 1 OZ., AND IS 19 INCHES LONG. SHE IS THEIR THIRD DAUGHTER AND FIFTH CHILD. SHE IS THE FOURTEENTH GRANDCHILD OF ROBERT LEWIS FISHER AND OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER, IS A GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF THE LATE MARGARET SARGENT AND SAMUEL HERBERT FISHER, AND IS THE 77TH GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILD OF JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907). PHEBE-NORTON WROTE ON SEPTEMBER 16: "... DARK HAIR. CAN'T SAY SHE LOOKS LIKE ANYONE IN PARTICULAR, BUT SHE IS CUTE AND WELL FORMED. SHARON AND BEE (OLDER DAUGHTERS) NAMED HER, AND THEY ARE SO PLEASED AT HAVING A BABY SISTER WHICH IS WHAT THEY WANTED. THE BOYS NATURALLY WANTED A BROTHER, BUT I COULDN'T PLEASE BOTH FACTIONS! MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ARE FINE, GOING HOME SUNDAY. SPRAGUE AND LIGHTNING (THE DOG) ARE HOLDING DOWN THE FORT AT HOME AS ALL THE CHILDREN ARE FARMED OUT FOR A WHILE. I AM ENJOYING THE LUXURY AND LEISURE OF THE HOSPITAL AND NOT HAVING ANYTHING TO DO. WE HAD A VERY BUSY SUMMER, BUT THE CHILDREN WERE GLAD TO GET BACK TO SCHOOL...." A PICTURE OF THE CHILDREN WAS SHOWN IN SARGENTRIVIA OF JULY 21. THE PARKERS' ADDRESS IS BOX 92, MERCER ISLAND, WASH.

CHARLES FORBES SARGENT, JR., IN RESPONSE TO YE EDITOR'S INQUIRY WROTE ON SEPTEMBER 17: "I WAS SEPARATED FROM THE ARMY ON SEPTEMBER 9 AFTER SPENDING A YEAR AT FORT MONMOUTH AND A YEAR AT THE ARMY ELECTRONIC PROVING GROUND, FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA. NOW I AM ENTERING M.I.T. (MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY) THIS FALL AS AN ADVANCED STUDENT PURSUING A COURSE OF STUDY FOR A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING." CHARLIE RECEIVED HIS B.A. DEGREE IN 1953 FROM WILLIAMS, WHERE HE MAJORED IN PHYSICS.

ROSWELL G. HAM, JR., STEPSON OF HILDA SARGENT HAM, WROTE ON AUGUST 25: "WE SOLD OUR LONG ISLAND CARAVANSERAI AND MOVED TO 168 KING'S HIGHWAY, WESTPORT, CONN., THE END OF APRIL. SINCE THEN, AND UNTIL ABOUT MID-DECEMBER, I AM TAKING SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS TO WRITE ANOTHER NOVEL FULL TIME. ONE I HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARD FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WORKING TITLE IS A BEAST, A BEAST. I AM ABOUT 30,000 WORDS, OR A THIRD OF THE WAY, INTO IT NOW. CRICKET (OUR DAUGHTER'S NICKNAME) AND CUT AND DUFF AND I SPENT A MONTH JUST NOW ON NANTUCKET WITH THE FAMILY, BEACHING, COOKING, FISHING, AND WRITING. HEAVEN. I CAUGHT AN 8 1/2 POUND BLUEFISH OUT OF THE SURF AFTER NINE DAYS TRYING. FOR PURE BEAUTY AND EXALTATION I'LL PUT SURF CASTING UP AGAINST ANY FISHING, INCLUDING THE MOST RECHERCHÉ DRY FLY CASTING."

SYDNEY FORBES SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT, WROTE ON SEPTEMBER 13: "I AM IN THE THROES OF MOVING TO A BRAND NEW APARTMENT JUST ONE BLOCK FROM MY PRESENT RATHER TUMBLE-DOWN SHACK. THE NEW ADDRESS IS 151 S. SIERRA MADRE BLVD., APT. 1, PASADENA, CALIF. IT IS ROOMIER, BETTER VENTILATED, TERMITE PROOF, AND OF COURSE FAR MORE MODERN.... I HAD TO CHASE DOWN AND EJECT FROM MY PRESENT ABODE A SIZABLE LIZARD YESTERDAY. THEY CAN TRAVEL SO FAST THAT FOR A WHILE I WASN'T EVEN SURE I HAD SEEN ONE OR WHAT 'IT' WAS. WE PLAYED HIDE-AND-SEEK FOR A GOOD HALF HOUR."

JOSEPH BRADFORD SARGENT (1822-1907) WROTE THE FOLLOWING LETTER ON APRIL 15, 1887, TO THE ATTORNEY FOR SARGENT & COMPANY. THE DATE WAS SHORTLY BEFORE HE STARTED ON HIS FIRST 18 MONTHS ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP. THE LETTER IS EVIDENCE THAT TO HIM THERE WAS SOME "FUN" IN LITIGATION. HE ENJOYED BEING ON THE WITNESS STAND. IN THE 1880S THE COMPANY WAS SUING AND BEING SUED MANY TIMES FOR INFRINGEMENT OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS. (TRADEMARKS INCLUDED THE NUMBERS BY WHICH GOODS WERE DESIGNATED.) THE COMPANY DID NOT WIN ALL THE SUITS, IN FACT IN APRIL 1889 BEFORE STARTING ON HIS SECOND WORLD TRIP HE WROTE A LONG MEMORANDUM ON THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE APPEAL IN THREE RECENT CASES WHERE THE COMPANY AS DEFENDANT HAD LOST ON SOME COUNTS. YE EDITOR HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLUMMER CASE, BUT THINKS THAT HIS REFERENCE TO THE TUCKER CASE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TO THE PLUMMER ONE. TUCKER BROUGHT SUIT IN 1880 AND LOST, CARRIED IT TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND AGAIN LOST. (THE BLANKS ARE WHERE THE WORDS ARE BLURRED IN THE LETTER BOOK.)

"JOHN S. BEACH, ESQ.

DEAR SIR

I INCLOSE STATEMENT PRESENTED - ACCOUNT OF J.S. & J.K. BEACH AGAINST SARGENT & CO., APRIL 1ST 1887, VIZ.:-

	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	
	RETAINER FOR ENSUING YEAR	100.
NOV 10 TO	PREPARATION OF APPELLANTS BRIEF	
DEC 17/86	PLUMMER VS SARGENT & CO. US SUPREME COURT	500.
JANY 4, 5, 6, 7	FOUR DAYS AT WASHINGTON WAITING FOR ARGUMENT	200.
JANY 10 & 11	ARGUMENT BEFORE US SUPREME COURT	1000.
JANY 4-11	EXPENSES	48.67
MARCH 16	PREPARATION OF ENTERPRISE	
	VS SARGENT & CO. WITH MR. EARLE	25.00
		1873.67

THE ITEMS I OBJECT TO (AS TO AMOUNT) ARE THOSE RELATING TO THE TUCKER BRONZE CASE, IN ALL \$1700. IF THE FUN & LUXURY OF LITIGATION COSTS SO MUCH WE MUST EITHER KEEP OUT OF IT OR TRY TO HAVE IT COST LESS. I HAVE NO CRITICISMS AS TO THE \_\_\_\_\_ & PREPARATION OF THE TUCKER CASE. I THINK IT \_\_\_\_\_

BUT THE ITEMS ABOVE QUESTIONED SEEM TO ME TO BE TOO LARGE IN THE TOTAL. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"YOURS TRULY

"J.B. SARGENT"

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES

- OCTOBER 1 - LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY, DAUGHTER OF LAURA BAILEY CUMMING  
 2 - (12TH) ELEANOR FENN, DAUGHTER OF CONVERSE GRAY FENN  
       (10TH) DIANA TREMAINE MACDOUGALL, DAUGHTER OF DOROTHY JOAN WISER MACDOUGALL  
       (4TH) DAVID BRADSHAW NORTHEY, SON OF LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY  
       (4TH) LAURA HAMMOND NORTHEY, DAUGHTER OF LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY  
 3 - (22D) JAMES WILLIAM HINKLEY, IV, SON OF LOUISE SARGENT HINKLEY  
 4 - PHEBE DOWNS SARGENT, WIFE OF JOSEPH WEIR SARGENT  
 6 - JAMES SARGENT WISER, SON OF DOROTHY SARGENT WISER  
 7 - HOPE MAXWELL TATE, WIFE OF DANIEL LISLE TATE  
 8 - (1ST) CAROLYN BUMGARDNER, DAUGHTER OF MARY SARGENT BUMGARDNER  
 10 - (5TH) WILLIAM MORRIS MCCAWLEY, JR., SON OF SARAH (SALLY) FISHER MCCAWLEY  
 11 - (6TH) JOHN HENRY NORTHEY, III, SON OF LAURA CUMMING NORTHEY  
 15 - PHEBE-NORTON FISHER PARKER, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT LEWIS FISHER AND OF ATLEE DOWNS FISHER  
 16 - (22D) DEBORAH LEWIS PETTIT COOKMAN, DAUGHTER OF MILLCENT LEWIS PETTIT  
       (7TH) HEATH DENTON BUMGARDNER, JR., SON OF MARY SARGENT BUMGARDNER  
       (5TH) ALICE ANN SARGENT, DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM PARKER SARGENT, JR.  
 17 - FRANCES BARNES FENN, WIFE OF RUSSELL SARGENT FENN, JR.  
       ROSEMARY MERRILL LORING, WIFE OF CALEB LORING, JR.  
 18 - FLORENCE HIERMANN SARGENT, WIFE OF HOWARD LEWIS SARGENT  
       (4TH) ELIZA MCCAWLEY, DAUGHTER OF SARAH (SALLY) FISHER MCCAWLEY  
 22 - EARLE WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF WILLIAM PARKER SARGENT  
       JOHN WHEATON SARGENT, SON OF JOHN ROBERT WHEATON SARGENT  
 23 - (17TH) DAVID BUSHNELL, STEPSON OF JEAN SARGENT BUSHNELL  
       (12TH) ARTHUR NICHOLSON TURNER, JR., SON OF ANNE (NANCY) GROVE TURNER  
 24 - (20TH) RICHARD MAXWELL SARGENT, JR.  
       (1ST) LESLIE MOTTE GROVE, SON OF GEORGE (JIMMY) SARGENT GROVE  
 27 - LOUISE SARGENT HINKLEY, DAUGHTER OF JOSEPH DENNY SARGENT  
 28 - MARY (MOLLY) SARGENT MCCANCE, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT  
       ROXANA HOLLAND DONNELL, WIDOW OF FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT TATE  
 29 - SYDNEY FORBES SARGENT, SON OF GEORGE LEWIS SARGENT  
 31 - LILA OCTAVIA WALKER SARGENT, WIFE OF FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- OCTOBER 1 - (10TH) PHEBE-NORTON FISHER AND C. SPRAGUE PARKER  
       (8TH) ROXANA HOLLAND (TATE) AND WILLIAM CONLY DONNELL  
 4 - (14TH) SARAH (SALLY) FISHER AND WILLIAM M. MCCAWLEY  
 16 - (19TH) RUSSELL S., JR. AND FRANCES BARNES FENN  
 17 - (25TH) W. SARGENT AND CAROL BODMER LEWIS  
       (2D) GEORGE S. AND MARILISSE DEAN GROVE  
 20 - (10TH) DAVID C. AND JEAN THOMSON SARGENT

THE LATE HENRY E. HUNTINGTON, WHO ENDOWED THE LIBRARY AND GALLERY IN CALIFORNIA THAT BEARS HIS NAME, STARTED HIS BUSINESS CAREER AT SARGENT & COMPANY IN NEW YORK. ELISHA F. BRITTINGHAM IN A LETTER TO JOHN R. SCHOEMER PRINTED IN HARDWARE CONSULTANT, MAY 1955, WROTE: "WHEN 'H.E.' WAS SOON TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE, HIS UNCLE COLLIS P. HUNTINGTON WAS DESIROUS OF HAVING THIS FAVORITE NEPHEW LEARN THE HARDWARE BUSINESS, AND ONE DAY AT A DIRECTORS' MEETING IN NEW YORK, WHICH MR. GEORGE H. SARGENT WAS ATTENDING, HE WAS ASKED IF HE COULD USE A GREEN HAND JUST OUT OF COLLEGE. MR. SARGENT'S REPLY WAS 'SEND HIM DOWN TO SEE ME'. WE WERE VISITING ONE DAY IN MR. HUNTINGTON'S APARTMENT IN THE JOHNATHAN CLUB, LOS ANGELES, WHEN THE EARLY EXPERIENCES IN OPENING UP BARRELS OF HINGES AT SARGENT'S CAME INTO OUR CONVERSATION. 'H.E.' HAD A HIGH REGARD AND GREAT RESPECT FOR THE BIG FOUR OF SARGENT & CO.: GEORGE H. SARGENT, T.J. ATKINS, GEORGE MUNSON AND W.J. LADD. HE RECALLS THAT THE WORK HE WAS ALLOTTED WAS TOO STRENUOUS, AND AFTER A FEW WEEKS, HE LEFT CHAMBERS STREET TO JOIN HIS UNCLE'S OFFICE DOWN IN WALL STREET AND THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF HIS EDUCATION IN RAILROADING. MR. HUNTINGTON'S ACTIVITIES IN THE UNION PACIFIC, SOUTHERN PACIFIC, PACIFIC ELECTRIC AND OTHER RAIL PROJECTS AND HIS CONTROL OF THE NEWPORT NEWS SHIPBUILDING AND DRY DOCK CO. REFLECT THE MARVELOUS SUCCESS OF THIS INDUSTRIALIST WHOSE BEGINNING IN BUSINESS HAD ITS START LIKE YOURS AND MINE WITH SARGENT & CO."

MANY OF THE EARLY ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS WERE ILLITERATE, SARGENT & COMPANY'S CONTRACTORS AND FOREMEN, WHO EMPLOYED THEIR DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, ADOPTED A PRACTICE OF DUBBING WITH IRISH OR ENGLISH NAMES MANY OF THEIR ITALIAN EMPLOYEES. ON THE REGISTER OR ROLL BOOK OF EMPLOYEES BEGUN IN 1887 WAS JAMES MEANEY (WITH HIS REAL NAME, VINCENZO MINI, IN PARENTHESES), AND MICH (OR MICHAEL) RICH (WITH HIS REAL NAME, AMODIO ANGELO, IN PARENTHESES). THESE TWO, HOWEVER, ARE THE ONLY ONES WHERE BOTH NAMES ARE SHOWN. THE LEDGER SHOWS IN 1886 A DEPOSIT OF \$200 FROM GIOVANNI GALTANO, WHOSE NAME ON THE ROLL WAS JOHN CREED. (THIS THRIFTY MAN BEGAN HIS EMPLOYMENT IN NOVEMBER 1881 AT 12 1/2 CENTS AN HOUR.) WHEN YE EDITOR ACTED AS PAYMASTER IN 1909 THERE WERE A NUMBER OF OLDER ITALIANS STILL PARADING UNDER IRISH NAMES, THOUGH THE PRACTICE ON HIRING HAD CEASED.

THE FOLLOWING ENTRY FROM THE DIARY OF LIEUT. COL. JOSEPH SCRANTON TATE, JR., IS DATED JANUARY 30, 1943. SINCE THE BOMBING MISSION DESCRIBED IN SARGENTRIVIA OF AUGUST 22 JOE HAD TAKEN PART IN RAIDS ON SOUSSE, TWO ON TRIPOLI, SICILY, AND NAPLES AND HAD SOME DAYS OFF DUTY IN ALEXANDRIA.

"IT IS WITH SOME HESITATION AND EMBARRASSMENT THAT I WRITE THIS. THIS IS ACTUALLY BEING WRITTEN ON JANUARY 31ST SINCE THE RAID YESTERDAY WAS SO SUCCESSFUL AND A LOT OF THE BOYS GOT MAIL (ME NOT INCLUDED) A BIG DRUNK FRONT MOVED IN LAST NIGHT AND SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE I BLACKED OUT — SO HERE I GO. I'LL START WITH OUR EARLY MORNING REVEILLE AT 5:30. I GOT UP IN THE COLD AT 6:00 AM TO EAT BREAKFAST. TODAY BEING YOUR BIRTHDAY I WAS HAPPY FOR YOU BUT NOT ESPECIALLY FOR MYSELF. SOMEHOW I AM NOT TOO HAPPY IN THE MORNING — ANYHOW THE WEATHER BRIEFING WAS AT 6:30 AS SCHEDULED AND GAVE US LOUSEY WEATHER AT ROS AAMER AND ALONG THE COAST — AND ROUGH OUT TO 50 MILES AT SEA, BUT FROM THERE ON AND INTO THE TARGET IT WAS TO BE GOOD — IN FACT PERFECT. WE HAD OUR SQUADRON BRIEFING WITH THE 330TH WHO WENT WITH US IN THE OPERATIONS OFFICE WHILE THE OTHERS BRIEFED IN THE MESS HALL. TAKEOFF SCHEDULED FOR 8AM WAS HELD UP BY THE FACT THAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A COORDINATED ATTACK WITH THE 376TH AND 98TH AND ON ACCOUNT OF THE WET FIELD HERE YESTERDAY — I MEAN ON THE 29TH — THEY DID NOT LAND AT 159 OR 139 BUT WENT BACK TO 140 WHERE THEY SAT NOT EXPECTING TO GO ON THE MISSION AND FAILING TO GET THEIR ATTACKS PLANNED, COLORS AND RECOGNITION SIGNALS PLANNED ON OR FLIMIES ORGANIZED. EVENTUALLY THEY DIDN'T GO SO WE WENT OUT TO THE SHIPS AND STARTED THEM AROUND EIGHT O'CLOCK AND GOT OFF A LITTLE AFTERWARD. IT IS GETTING A LITTLE LATE AND I'M STILL TIRED SO I THINK I'LL REST A WHILE AND MAYBE START A LETTER HOME — I'LL FINISH THIS IN A LITTLE WHILE — WE TOOK OFF ON SCHEDULE AND CLIMBED TO 1000' AND THEN 2000' TO JOIN FORMATION. THE FORMATION WAS GOOD AS WE LEFT THE FIELD AND WE STARTED OUT THE OLD CORRIDOR TO TOCRA — RATHER WE STARTED FOR RAS AAMER BUT AROUND DERNA THE WEATHER BEGAN TO CLOSE DOWN AND THE MOUNTAINS CAME UP TO ABOUT 3000' SO WE HAD TO DODGE AND JUMP AROUND SO THAT WHEN WE WERE EVENTUALLY ABLE TO PICK OUR WAY THROUGH TO THE COAST WE FOUND OURSELVES AT A POINT (BETWEEN) RAS AAMER AND TOCRA. OUT OVER THE WATER THE AIR WAS STILL PRETTY ROUGH AND CLOUDY WITH LOW CLOUDS TO 1500' AND HEAVY RAIN SHOWERS SO WE LET DOWN THROUGH THEM AND STEADIED OUT AT ABOUT 1500'. SOON WE CAME INTO THE CLEAR BLUE AND THE WATERS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEEMED HARDLY RUFFLED AT ALL BY THE BREEZES AS WE SPED ALONG TOWARD OUR DESTINATION AT SPARTAVENTO WHERE WE SPLIT. MAJOR COOL AND HIS SIX — NO I MEAN 5 — BAKER TURNED BACK JUST UNDER THE CLOUDS OFF THE COAST — TURNED PARALLEL TO THE SOUTHERN COAST OF ITALY AND CROSSED THE STRAITS OF MESSINA AT THE VERY SOUTHERNMOST TIP. FROM WHERE HE TURNED NORTH AND STARTED BACK UP THE COAST OF SICILY AT AROUND 200. WE LEFT THEM JUST BEFORE WE HIT THE COAST AND FOR A FEW MINUTES I WAS AFRAID THAT WE HAD LEFT TOO SOON BUT LATER EVENTS WERE TO PROVE THAT WE WERE DOING OKAY. OUT TO THE LEFT OF US MT. ETNA STUCK UP IN THE ABSOLUTELY IN THE CLEAR AND ALMOST EXACTLY TO THE TIMED MINUTE BEFORE WE LET OUR BOMBS GO I GLANCED UP AND SAW THE OTHER FLIGHT TURNING AWAY AFTER DROPPING THEIR BOMBS. DOWN IN THE HARBOR RED FLASHES IN THE FERRY SLIPS AND ALONG THE SHORE WHERE THE BIG CRUISERS AND MERCHANTMEN WERE DOCKED SHOWED THAT THEY WERE HITTING HOME AND ALSO THAT THE FLAK GUNS ON THE GROUND WERE NOT INACTIVE. IN FACT OUT IN FRONT OF US A POSITIVE WALL OF FLAK APPEARED. THE TIMING WAS SO CLOSE THAT THE GUNNERS MUST HAVE REALLY HAD A BAD TIME ALL TRYING TO CONCENTRATE ON THAT FIRST FLIGHT OF FIVE AND THEN HAVING MY SIX COME IN FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. CONFUSION REALLY RAINED — AND I DO MEAN RAINED. WE STEADIED DOWN ON OUR RUN AND WERE GOING STEADY AS A ROCK WHEN WE LET GO. WE SIGHTED FOR RANGE AND DEFLECTION WHILE THE FLIGHT LET GO FOR RANGE. THIS WAS LUCKY FOR BENNY HADN'T CHECKED HIS SIGHT COMPLETELY AND COULDN'T LET GO ON TIME AS HIS SWITCH WAS NOT IN THE CORRECT POSITION. OUR FORMATION BOMBS WENT IN OKAY THOUGH AND I TURNED LEFT AND PULLED BACK TO 25' AND BEGAN A SLOW LET DOWN OUT THE MIDDLE OF THE STRAITS. THERE WERE TWO DESTROYERS OUT THERE WEAVING AND TURNING AND SHOOTING LIGHT FLAK STRAIGHT UP WITH NO APPARENT EFFORT. OUR SIX SHIPS WERE IN TIGHT AND WE DID A LITTLE EVASIVE ACTION SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDING THE BARRAGE OF FLAK FROM THE TOWN AND HARBOR. WE LOST SIGHT OF THE OTHER FIVE SHIPS AND FOR A WHILE I WAS AFRAID WE MIGHT GET THEM OR ELSE IN TROUBLE FROM PURSUIT AT REGGIO. WE KEPT ON GOING SLOW AND I GOT VARIOUS GOOD REPORTS FROM THE GUNNERS ON THE BOMBING. SOON COX'S FIVE SHIPS JOINED US — WE SLAPPED IN CLOSE FORMATION, DROPPED DOWN TO 1500' AND CAME HOME IN GOOD WEATHER TO THE COAST WHERE WE HIT A BAD FRONT, BUT GOT AROUND IT AND UNDER IT, REJOINED FORMATION AND CAME ON HOME. WE BUZZED THE FIELD IN CLOSE FORMATION — HOPING GEN. SPAATZ WAS THERE AND LANDED AFTER 9:10 MINUTES. AFTER LANDING THE COLONEL GAVE US A FEW GOOD WORDS AND SAID THAT WE HAD DONE A GOOD JOB. HE SAID THAT THE FORMATION COMING OVER THE FIELD WAS THE BEST HE HAD EVER SEEN. LAST NIGHT AFTER SUPPER THE MAIL CAME IN (NONE FOR ME) AND AT THE BAR WE BEGAN DRINKING TO THE VARIOUS SONS AND DAUGHTERS BORN AND COMING. TOMMY ROLL IS NOW EXPECTING AND WE ARE MAKING HIM TAKE IT EASY. MAJ. MUSSELWHITE HAD A LITTLE MUSSEL-BUSTLE BOY. WE SANG, KK AND I, MARY AND MARGIE UNTIL WE WERE UNABLE TO SING ANY MORE AND SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE I PASSED QUIETLY AWAY AND TOMMY CLAIMS THAT HE PUT ME TO BED AT 9:30. I CANNOT CONTEST THIS STATEMENT AS I WASN'T AROUND TO HELP. LUCKILY I SLEPT WELL AND LATE AND GOT UP IN TIME FOR DINNER WITH NO HANGOVER AT ALL. I MUST HAVE BEEN A SIGHT LIKE THE DAY SANDY PASSED OUT IN THE DINING ROOM AND I IN THE LIVING ROOM DOWN AT HIS HOUSE IN MAXWELL. I THOUGHT OF YOU AND PHIL THIS MORNING AND RENEWED MY VOW TO ABSTAIN AGAIN THIS MORNING. ALL OUR SHIPS ARE READY TO GO BUT I THINK WE HAVE GONE ON OUR LAST MISSION DOWN HERE — AT LEAST SO GOES THE RUMOR. WE ARE ALL IN GOOD SHAPE ANYHOW. I TOOK SOME PICTURES THIS AFTERNOON AND VISITED THE BAR TO RECOVER MY PISTOL BELT AND MESS KIT BAG WHICH GOT LOST IN THE CONFUSION LAST NIGHT. I WAS TALKING TO JERK AND STEW AND THE COLONEL TONIGHT WHEN THEY SUGGESTED DROPPING OVER TO THE BAR TO DROWN A FEW SO I ESCAPED AND CAME HOME TO MY NICE WARM TENT BEDDED DOWN AND READ A MAGAZINE — 2 YEARS OLD — I HAD READ ALL OF IT AND THEN STARTED ON THIS ARTICLE. I'M GOING TO DROP OFF AND TRY TO RECUPERATE A LITTLE MORE TONIGHT AND TRY AND BE A NORMAL MAN AGAIN. I MISS YOU VERY MUCH DARLING AND WISH I COULD COME HOME TO YOU NOW. GOODNIGHT —"