

U. S. S. KNOX (APA-46)

16 February 1945

Dear Folks -

I got three letters from you yesterday including the clippings about Dr. Clendening & Mark Alexander. How wonderful it is to get mail again. Our service has been pretty slow for some reason - just why we don't know. I understand that our letters get home in pretty good time and I'm glad of that. The only reason that Helene doesn't hear from Ed is 'cause he must not be writing - but maybe there's another reason.

I visited J. P. Hunter's grave yesterday and would have liked to take a picture of it, but cameras are not allowed ashore so I couldn't do that. Have talked to several men who knew him very well - and they all tell the same story about what a wonderful guy he was.

I was certainly floored to read about Dr. Clendening's death. I can't understand why a guy who loved life as much as he should take his own like he did. To commit suicide the way he did (Cutting the jugular vein)