

6 DEC 44
AT SEA

DEAR DOLPH;

THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER. YOUR LETTERS
ALONG WITH DEAR BUDDY ARE JUST ONE MORE CHEERISHED
LINK WITH THE OLD HOME TOWN, ALL OF WHICH SEEM TO
POINT MY FUTURE BACK TO MASS. ST. I'VE BECOME
NICELY RESTABLISHED WITH THIS COMPANY, BUT SOMEHOW,
WITH ALL ITS GLORY, SPIT AND POLISH, AND ADVENTURE,
IT DOES'NT ADD UP TO WHAT LAWRENCE HAS GIVEN ME AND
HAS TO OFFER.

THE GROUP PICTURE IS THUMBNAILLED ON MY
BULKHEAD DEAD AHEAD. MIGHTY FINE FOLKS THEREIN.

HOW MANY MORE YEARS WILL I HAVE TO WAIT
TO SEE THAT GODAMMED NEBRASKA BAND HOLD ITS DULL INS-
TRUMENTS DOWN TO THE GROUND AS THEY MUST HAVE SLUNK
BACK TO THE STATION. I REALLY MISSED THE CHANCE OF
A LIFE TIME.

THANKS FOR LINING ROB UP ON THAT PROGRAM
JOB. HE'S A FINE BOY.....AS IS HIS BROTHER, PETE.

MY BEST TO MARIE AND THE REST,



SS CLEVELAND ABBE
AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES
SAN FRANCISCO

PS NEXT TIME YOU SEE LAURA, KID HER ABOUT THAT TALL
VERTICAL LADDER SHE WENT UP EVERY DAY WHILE ABBIE
WAS IN THE SHIPYARDS OF NORFOLK.