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John Fletcher Darley, Jr. World War II Letters *Inventory*

Letters from John

These letters were written by John Fletcher Darley, Jr., Hospital Apprentice First Class, United States Navy while he served in World War II. Darley was a Statesboro resident prior to enlisting, and his family lived in Statesboro. The names in parentheses after some of the addressee names were taken from envelopes. John Fletcher Darley, Jr. was killed in action on Iwo Jima in March, 1945.

Date	Location	Addressee
undated	none given	Mrs. John Darley (mother)
March 18, 1944	"Somewhere in England"	"Gannie" & "Hat" (Mrs. J. D. Cannon)
June 3, 1944	none given, but first line mentions sailing to France at dawn	none given
June 18, 1944	none given	Dad (John Darley)
September 18, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
September 19, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
September 27, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Hugh
October 1, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	"Shag"
October 4, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
October 11, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
October 12, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
undated	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
October 13, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Sally & Bedgood
October 18, 1944	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
October 24, 1944	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
undated	Camp Lejeune, New River, NC	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
October 29, 1944	30th Replacement Draft, Camp Lejeune, NC	Mom and Dad (Mr. & Mrs. John Darley)
November 4, 1944	Camp Pendleton, California	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
November 8, 1944	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)

1944		
November 11, 1944	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
November 24, 1944	none given, but does mention he is in new location; refers to it as "this island" at one point	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
November 26, 1944	none given, but mentions he is in the Pacific	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
November 29, 1944	U. S. Marines, 4th Division, Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
December 8, 1944	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
December 14, 1944	none given	Pop (John Darley)
December 18, 1944	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
December 20, 1944	none given, although does mention he has another address now and thinks it will be permanent	Ray
December 21, 1944	none given	Sis
Christmas 1944	none given	Christmas card to all family
December 25, 1944	none given	Hugh
December 25, 1944	none given	"Gannie" (Mrs. J. D. Cannon?)
January 1, 1945	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
January 4, 1945	none given	Dad (John Darley)
January 10, 1945	none given	Sis
January 18, 1945	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
January 21, 1945	none given	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
January 22, 1945	none given	Dad (John Darley)
February 9, 1945	none given	Dad (John Darley)
February 12, 1945	none given, but mentions that ship-board life is making him lazy	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
(date mailed)		
February 12, 1945	none given, but mentions that he is on a ship and has been for a month	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)
(date mailed)		
undated	at sea	Mom (Mrs. John Darley)

Other Letters

1) telegraph to Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher Darley, Sr., from Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Naval Personnel, informing them that John Fletcher Darley, Jr. had been killed in action (March 17, 1945)

2) letters from various friends of John F. Darley, Jr., who served with him during World War II; names include Ferney Train, Melvin Newman, Bill Falk, Carl Custer