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MARSHALL ISLANDS
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UNITED STATES NAVY

Dear Mom and Dad,
All the ships have left
the harbor for Kwajalein.
The only ships left here are
the Bowditch and several
small craft attached to our
unit.

Our job here will be to
conduct survey work in prep-
aration for the C- Bomb
test to be held next spring.

I will be away from the
ship in my motor launch
for a week at a stretch
so the mail will be
fouled up a bit until
we are through surveying
on or about Oct 1.

The Fleet Post Office
Ship has left the harbor

along with the other ships
so I won't be able to make
out or cash any money orders.
Our mail clerk cannot handle
money orders until our new
Supply Officer reports on
board.

Captain Schiano our old
skipper left the ship today
and was relieved by a
Captain Forshew an old
submariner and also class
of 1917 at the Naval Academy.
We sure hated to see the
old Captain leave. We gave
him eight side-boys and
piped him over the side.
When he left the gangway
we gave him three rousing
cheers. He was openly and
unashamedly crying in his
gig when he pulled away.

from the side.

I received the box of sea food and sure enjoyed it! If you can, please send some more of the same. A thing like that is really a cause for a big celebration out here.

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Bob looked like a kid opening up his Xmas presents when he opened that box of sea food.

Give my regards to all of the family and my friends.

Love and affection,
son Bob