

Photo from the St. Louis Globe Democrat sometime in the 1930s. This was a clipping saved by the Bernards. The caption: BOUND FOR THE BLUE PACIFIC - The newly reconditioned U.S.S. Arizona is shown passing through the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal at Cristobal. The majestic battleship is on its way from the Atlantic to join the Pacific fleet for annual maneuvers.

People's Party

No time lost due to unauthorized leave.

By Director of Chief of Naval Personnel.

U. S. Navy
Head, Casualty Section

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Subj: BERNARD, Frank Peter, 328 39 68, Shipfitter second class,
United States Navy, Deceased - Transcript of service of

24 Jul 1915 Born in Grafton, North Dakota.
4 Sep 1935 Enlisted in the United States Navy as Apprentice
Seaman at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Home address
listed as: 103 Wakeman Avenue, Grafton, North
Dakota.
4 Sep 1935 Transferred to U. S. Naval Training Station,
Great Lakes, Illinois. (Domestic)
8 Jan 1936 Transferred to the U. S. S. ARIZONA.
11 Jan 1936 Received aboard the U. S. S. ARIZONA. (Foreign)
16 Jan 1936 Rating changed to Seaman second class.
1 Dec 1936 Rating changed to Seaman first class.
4 Sep 1939 Enlistment extended for a period of two years.
16 Aug 1940 Rating changed to Shipfitter third class.
27 Jun 1941 Issued Honorable Discharge from the U. S. Navy.
28 Jun 1941 Re-enlisted in the U. S. Navy as Shipfitter third
class.
1 Sep 1941 Rating changed to Shipfitter second class.
7 Dec 1941 Reported to have lost his life this date as Ship-
fitter second class, while stationed aboard the
U.S.S. ARIZONA.

Medals:

World War II Victory Medal
American Defense Service Medal
Good Conduct Medal
Purple Heart

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M. E. REEDER
Head, Casualty Section



U. S. S. ARIZONA

CAPTAIN I. C. KIDD, U.S.N.
Commanding

COMMANDER W. B. PHILLIPS, U.S.N.
Executive Officer

LIEUT. COMDR. E. F. NEY, (S.C.) U.S.N.
Supply Officer

C.P.C. H. C. BORNE, U.S.N.
Commissary Officer

C. W. SUTTON
Chief Commissary Steward

THANKSGIVING 1938

M E N U

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| Ripe Olives | Sweet Pickles |
| Stuffed Celery | |
| Roast Tom Turkey | |
| Cranberry Sauce | |
| Giblet Gravy | Oyster Dressing |
| Creamed Cauliflower | Buttered Peas |
| Candied Sweet Potatoes | |
| Shrimp Salad | |
| Mince Pie | Fruit Cake |
| Ice Cream | |
| Mixed Salted Nuts | Cigars |
| Coffee | |

Nov 7 1941

Dear Boy;

Well I guess th t I had better ans the letter that I got from you the 29th of sept but you see I did not get around to it till now and the reason for it is that I have been on another ship for temp. duty and I did not have the time to write to anyone while I was there but n now that I am back to the ship I can continue where I left off so here it is.

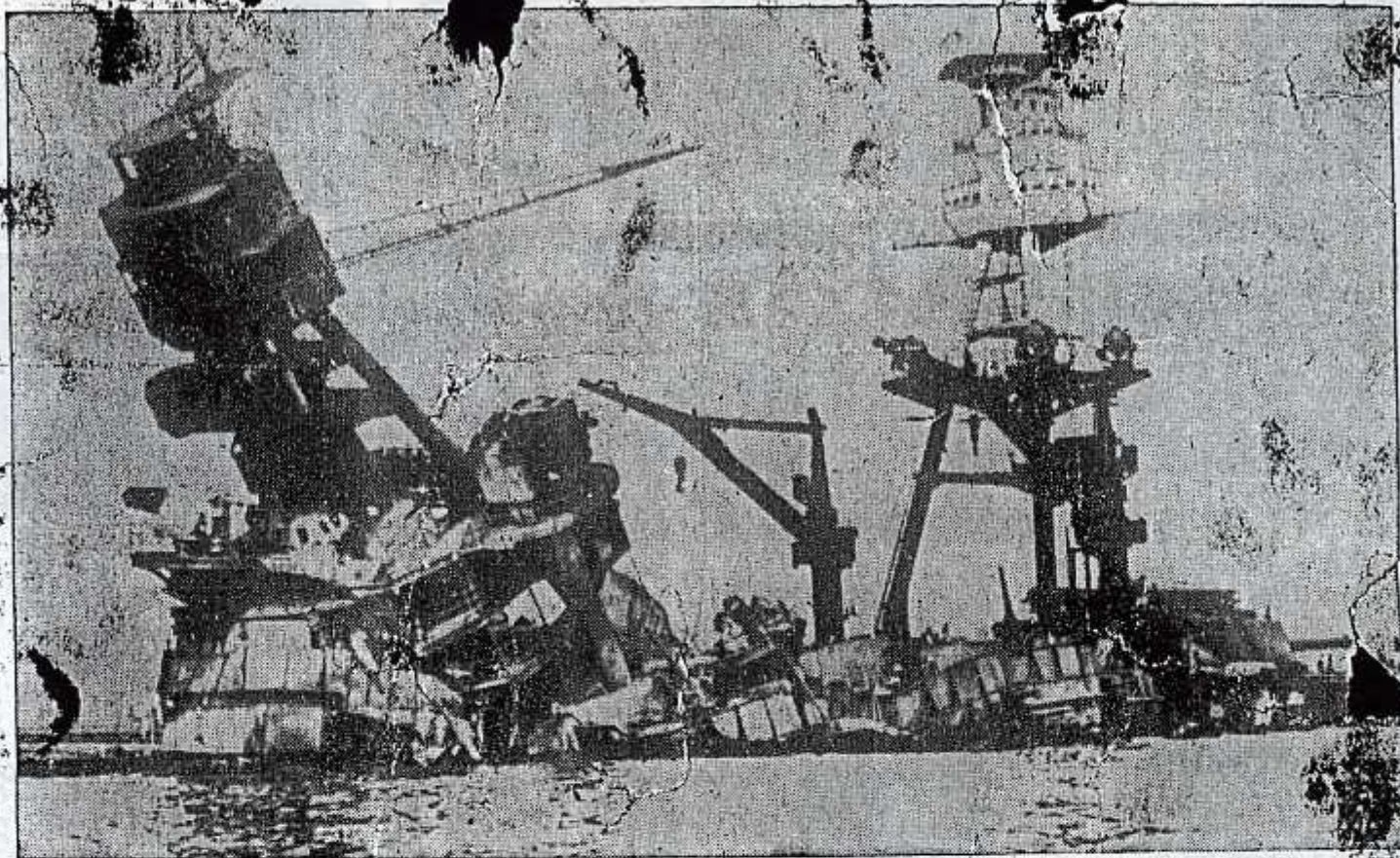
I was glad to get your letter as I always am I suppose that you heard that I made another rate while I was on leave I made it ther first of aug and they gave it to me but that was allright for me mnow if I get marrried I will get \$35.00 more for it so you see I think that I will get hitch to that little girl up in Washington she is a honey and she will join the church to marry me what do you think of that is it all righ to do that, and say a fellow asked me a question so I will aske you it , it is this he wants to know if a womenwho was married outside of the* church I mean that they are bouth Protestens and now they are dev divorcee would it be alright if this women joined the church in order to marry this boy who is already a ~~member~~ in the church and you tell me for him? I told him that I would aske you about it I knew that you would know or find about it will you?

Well things are the same out here as ever and now it is not so hot as it was awhile back it rains ever once in a hile now and that makes it cooler to be around. Well I guess that I can't to seem to think of any more to write about but mavey next time I will have some good newa for you so stand by for it you mabey surprised at it if you know me I do things in a hurry so you may have a sister-in-law to cope withe the next time you come out here to the coast so look out for my smoke well till the next time this the end.(finis)

your Bro. Pete

"Boy" is Henry Bernard Jr. When he was born in 1907, the doctor announced from the birthroom, "it's a boy", and the nickname stuck. Henry's brother Pete (Frank Peter) wrote this letter aboard the U.S.S. Arizona. It was the last letter received by Henry from his brother.

Navy Photos Show Pearl Harbor Damage



—Official U. S. Navy Photos.

TWISTED AND TORN BATTLESHIP ARIZONA RESTS ON HARBOR BOTTOM

Crushed into helplessness by Japanese bombs which started a blazing war on many Pacific fronts, the U. S. S. 32,600-ton battleship rests on the bottom of Pearl Harbor after the attack December 7.

Navy Secretary Sends Message to Sailor's Parents

Words of condolence were received in a personal letter from Secretary of Navy Frank Knox by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernard, 621 East First Street, in the death of their son, Frank Peter Bernard, 26, during the December 7 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Until the Secretary's letter and another letter of official notification arrived, the Bernards had held hope that first reports of the son's death might later prove incorrect.

Young Bernard had been in the Navy seven years and held the classification of ship fitter, second class. His parents came here from Grafton, N. D., four years ago. The young man leaves a sister in South Gate, Mrs. Josephine Whittaker, and a brother, Henry L. Bernard, in Forman, N. D.

Secretary Knox's letter expressed the hope that the parents would find comfort in the thought that he made the supreme sacrifice upholding the highest traditions of the Navy, in the service of his country.

Dies at Pearl Harbor



Frank P. Bernard of Grafton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernard of Long Beach, Calif., was one of the two Walsh county youths reported to have been lost in action at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7.

No Further Details of Frank Bernard's Death

Word has been received in Grafton from the parents of Frank P. Bernard, but no further details of his reported death at Pearl Harbor Dec. 7 were known to them.

The young man was born July 24, 1915 in Grafton. He attended school here, was a member of the Boy Scouts, and was graduated from high school. While here he was a member of Company C of the National Guard. He was in the service recently.

BERNARD—GRAFTON

Frank P. Bernard of Grafton, 26, was killed in action on the U. S. S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. He was a first class shipfitter. Bernard leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernard of Grafton.

