

**DOCUMENT 12 – COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE DEPENDENTS OF A  
NAVAL ENLISTEE**

**June 18, 1942**

**TRANSCRIPTION**

Bingham, Ill.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you  
concerning my husband, Floyd  
Edward Garland, who is enlisted  
in the U.S. Navy at Great Lakes,  
Illinois.

He thought he would be drafted  
for the army so thought he would  
enlist in the navy before he was.

I am left at home with three  
small children, the oldest one  
not even four years old. I don't  
feel like they would surely call  
a man with a wife and three  
babies.

We have no means of support  
only fifteen dollars a month  
relief order unless the government

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sends me part of his wages. He has  
only been in about a month, today

Is there any way that he can  
be sent home to help me raise my

children? There are surely enough  
single men, or men with no  
children for such places. He would  
never have enlisted, only because  
he thought he would be drafted.

Please help me, as it is a terrible  
job living by myself with three  
small children.

Yours truly,

Verna Mae Garland

Bingham, Ill.