

**Cablegram telephoned to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott from Western Union on November 15, 1942:**

HEALTH IMPROVING. PLEASE DON'T WORRY.

JOHN B. ELLIOTT

**Letter received from John on November 21, 1942:**

Dearest Mother & Dad:

As you probably surmised from my cablegram, we had a little accident the other day and I am now resting in the hospital with some minor burns which incapacitate me from holding a pen to write with. It is nothing serious so please don't worry. It is just one of those things that happen, but I was awfully lucky on the whole.

Hope you are continuing to get a good rest, Mother, and if my orders come through right, I might get a little leave about the first of the year.

Isn't the A.E.F. invasion of Africa grand? It looks as if we've really got Rommel on the run this time. This last week has been the best week of war news to date. I feel sure we'll keep it up all along the line now.

Much, much love,

John

**Letter from Chaplain at Force Hospital, U.S. Army Camp Suffisant, Curacao:**

Mr. & Mrs. Elliott:

John has only slight burns, mostly on the fingers of his right hand. He is healing fast and will probably be able to write you himself in the next few days. If you wish to write him address his mail to him at A.P.O. 812, New York City, c/o Chaplain B. J. Stephens.

Sincerely,  
(Capt.) B. J. Stephens,  
Force Chaplain

(C O P Y)

THE McALLISTER HOTEL

MIAMI - FLORIDA

November 26 '42

Mrs. William S. Elliott

My Dear Madam:

I am writing as a friend and shipmate of your son John to assure you of his well being.

I left him just a day or so ago and he was in good spirits and feeling well.

I wish to tell you, on behalf of the other officers and the men on the Erie that we are all proud of John. Although painfully wounded he assisted some of the men and cheered them up during a period of great danger to themselves.

I considered John one of my best friends on board the Erie and hope someday to be able to continue the friendship.

You should be seeing him in a very few weeks I am sure.

Sincerely,

David L. Roscoe, Jr.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 30, 1942

My dear Mrs. Elliott:

The Bureau regrets to inform you that your son, Lieutenant (junior grade) John Buckingham Elliott, United States Naval Reserve, was wounded November 12, 1942, while serving with the United States Naval Forces, in the Atlantic Area.

The incoming report indicated that he was wounded but was expected to recover. Past experience shows that details are seldom received if progress is favorable. A routine report of hospital admissions is provided the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. However, if any further information is received you will be notified.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to you in your anxiety. The Bureau joins in the wish for his speedy and complete recovery.

Sincerely yours,

RANDALL JACOBS  
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy  
The Chief of Naval Personnel



A. C. Jacobs  
Lieut. Comdr., U.S.N.R.  
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