Basic Detail Report

USS GROWLER (SSG-577)
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California
26 September 1960
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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. SMITH 439 West Twain
Fresno 4, California
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. SMITH,
Aloha from the Hawaiian Islands, the brand new 50th state,
where many have dreamed of coming and so few have had the oppor-
tunity. Along with Waikiki Beach, water skiing, fishing and sun-
bathing, Hawaii has one of the finest naval installations in the
Pacific to accomodate the fleet and its personnel. As you pro-
bably remember, Pearl Harbor was one of the local points of naval
concentration during World War II, and today still bustles with
military and naval activity. Within this atmosphere, your son is contributing his efforts to become a valuable member of the smooth
functioning GROWLER team which through constant training will be
capable of handling any task or emergency which may face the de-
fenders of the free world.
Thanks to geography, we submariners enjoy excellent local operating conditions with occasional visits to neighboring islands.
To enhance our training, GROWLER is scheduled for an extended train-
ing cruise during the winter and spring of this year.
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Your son is receiving training which best fits his aptitude and
interest, and which prepares him for advancement in the field of
his choice. In addition, he will probably develop some everlast-
ing friendships from his working in close harmony with the other
young men of the GROWLER.
Michael is in good health and adapting himself nicely to his new
work environment and to the pleasantries of Hawaiian existence.
If you should desire additional information concerning sub-
marines, the GROWLER, or your son, please feel free to write to me.
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R. E. CRAWFORD, LCDR, USN
Commanding Officer
U.S.S. GROWLER (SSG-577)

Michael D. Smith Papers

Date

August 29, 1959-July 1, 1961

Primary Maker Michael D. Smith

Medium

paper, ink

Description

Extent: 1 folder Correspondence; Letters, two (2), from Captain R.E. Crawford to Michael Smith's parents -September 26, 1960; letter to Smith's parents that talks about the training Smith is doing, that he is doing well and that the submarine USS Growler will be going on "an extended training cruise during the winter and spring." -March 16, 1961; letter to Smith's parents explaining that Smith will be unable to contact his parents while Growler

is on patrol. Envelope; addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Smith // 439 West Twain // Fresno 4, California" from "Navy Department // USS Growler (SSG 577) // c/o Fleet Post Office // San Francisco, California // Official Business." Clipping, Magazine; Three (3) clippings from Patrol magazine: - "The Story of USS Growler," July 1, 1961 - "USS Growler Returns to Pearl Harbor," no date - "Additional Missile Launcher - USS Growler (SSG-577)," August 29, 1959