

Neponset Mass
April 6 1925.

Dear Mother,

I got to Neponset about one o'clock and got dinner at Talmage boarding house. My address is 92 Walnut St. It is near the station car line and not far from Lawleys yard. The boarding houses are all full but I got a bunk room with another boy. The food is all right. Board and room is \$10. a week. I didnt do much this afternoon but look around and sort a few things in the locker. It's a seagoing crowd around here all right I can talk with

any of them and tell most of
them something. I am going to
start on the tenders tomorrow.
There is one 11 foot sea sled and
one 9 or 10 foot round bottom tender.
There are a lot of boats that we
have heard about one is the
Cutty Sark.

Yours Truly
Irving

P.S. Save the letters.

April 7 1925

Got 2 Doyen sheets sand paper
and sandpapered round bottomed tender.
It is old and has been mended
a number of times but is fairly
good. Opened some boxes that the
former owner of "Squaw," sent and
found towels, table cloths, sheets,
dish rags, aprons and other things.
Some were marked "Squaw".
There is a set of china also
a silver set marked "Squaw".
In another box was a taff-rail log
that had never been used this makes
2 which he never used also a

glass which set on the compass
to magnify the markings so
you could steer closer.

I sleep with another boy in the
same bed. The room is terrible
with only a lamp and no closet.
I don't get any milk to drink otherwise
the food is all right. If you are
going to send something down
some time send my other coat
in a box so I can send this one
back.

Yours Irving

P.S. I won't always write as often.

April 8. 1925

Dear Art:

I answered Nelson's letter
telling him that I had a
job. I hope you can come
Sunday I will be at the yard
untill 12:30 and then at 92
Walnut St. Talmadges boarding
house which is not bar. I have
been sand papering the tenders
today and I got a hole in one
of them fixed. They painted the
bottoms of Squaw one coat of Green.
They are building 17 good sized
boats at Lowleys this year.
Phone Dorchester 9837W Irving

April 9, 1925

Sand papered and varnished inside of sea sled. I went to look at the spar and mast for the first time. "Ye Gods and Small Fishes" what a stick I must had heard failure it looked so big. It will be some job to sand and varnish that.

Two of Lawleys men sandpapered and painted the topside of ^a "Squaw".

I saw them make a hollow mast at the yard. They take two long sticks and hollow out a half circle then stick them together with glue.

Irving

April 10, 1925.

Got letters from Arthur and Mother. Cleaned and varnished inside of round bottomed tender scraped oars and cleaned up locker. Having good time and feeling fine.

Cloudy with rain toward evening first poor day since I came. I never was in such a windy place before. There is always some wind and often quite a lot. Arthur and Rich will have fine time down here as there is so much to look at.

Irving Johnson.

Sun. April 12, 1925.

Went down to the yard and looked around untill Arthur Rich Margaret and Nancy came. I showed them around some then went to dinner at a restaurant in Dorchester. We looked around the yard some more untill it was time for them to go home. Went for a walk untill suppertime.

Irving

Mon. April 13, 1925.

Took some dishes into Boston for Mr. Robinson to see about. The former owner of "Squaw" wanted to get one set of dishes or get the pattern I am not ~~sure~~ ^{sure} which. In the afternoon I scraped, sandpapered and stained the gangway steps. Also sand papered side of searled.

I got a room at another house for \$4.50 a week. It is a nice big room with a double bed two windows on a corner, electric lights and plenty of room. I will eat at the same ^{Irving} Place

Tue. April 14, 1925

Sandpapered spreader which is 16 feet long, also bottom of round bottomed tender. Sandpapered oars 2 pair also inside, bottom, and one side of sea sled. Furnished inside of sea sled, bottom of tender, gang way, steps, and oars.

I moved into the new room today which has a large closet, 2 bureaus and a small table.

Working hard but having good time.

Irving

Wed. April 15, 1925

Puttyed bottom of sea sled with green putty and under the bow with mahogany putty. Varnished side and under bow of sea sled also painted bottom green.

Mr Conover who is Mr Bakers cousin came in to-day and looked over what I had done. He looks just like grandpa Johnson and is a very nice man. He lives near Newport where Mr Bakers summer place is.

Irving

Thur. April 16. 1925

Scraped, sanded and varnished
moring poles, ^{and flag staff} sanded and varnished
deck chocks for spars and got
the blocks down ready for scraping.
Varnished spreader and inside of tender.
Sanded and varnished gang way steps.

They have launched several
of the boats at the yard. The
black ~~yacht~~ yacht "Ara" 127 overall
came in yesterday from Maine where
she was laid up. The fitting out will
be finished at Lawley's.

Irving

Fri April 18, 1925,

Got the tenders out of the loft. I took the roundbottomed one on my head ~~over~~ to a wharf about 300 yards away.

I sanded the bottom and then varnished it. Then the wind changed and blew dirt all over it. I sanded the bow, stern, and sides of the sea sled. The blocks are hard to sandpaper but I have several doses and there is very little varnish left on them.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Arthur S Johnson
391 Main St
Springfield Mass



Bristol R.I.

April 17, 1929

Dear Art

All well and fine better bring a
mattress 26" X 6 ft. Max is working on
engine propably will finish Saturday. It
is raining now but I can find plenty to
do. It is a dandy boat but it costs something
to fix it up. Will see you Sunday,
Yours
Ivory

Sat. April 11 1925

Best day since I came. Scraped oars
sandpapered and cleaned tenders and
varnished them. Scraped gangway
steps.

I found some papers in a box
some were directions for operating
lighting plant which is a Homelite
new last year. Others were advertising
boat supplies. He had also planned
out a cruise of 102 days from Bristol
to Eastport Maine. I wish we could
take that trip.

Irving

Sat. April 18, 1925

Varnished under bow, stern and sides of sea sled. Sanded and varnished spreader and awning poles, oars and gangway steps.

Started for Springfield about 10:30. Met Art and Dick at the station and went down to the boat. We got the covers all off before dark and the boat aired out.

Irving

Sun. April 29 1925

Slept on the boat and was very comfortable. We started washing the sides but the stuff we used wouldn't take the oil off besides being too cold so we sandpapered the bottom. It started to rain so we sandpapered the tender, which was in the shed. The rain on deck made us sleepy so we went to bed early.

Irving

Mon. April 20 1925

To cold to work out side.

I started to putty but had to stop. I painted the tender while Art and Rich were cleaning up inside the boat so we could paint. We took the ~~toilet~~ toilet pump apart so the packing could be fixed. After painting and dinner we started home. I met Capt. Newton and he said I could have a job with him any time within the next two weeks if anything happened to the one I have now.

Irving

True. April 21 1925

Got to Neponsit at noon and didn't find my overalls. I left them at home in the kitchen. I hope mother will send them today. Sanded and varnished the stern of round bottomed tender where the dirt blew on it. Painted bottoms of seasled and sanded more blocks. I didn't hear from Mr. Baker as I expected to so I don't know what he wants done with the spars but I can work on other things until I hear from him.

Irving

P.S. Don't forget the overalls.

Wed. April 22 1925

I sandpapered blocks all morning
and mast hoops part of the afternoon,
then I varnished blocks, flag pole,
boat hook, and chocks.

They are going to launch
the Speerjacks Monday April 27.
you bet I am going to see it.

I am going to the pictures
tonight the first night I have been
out since I came.

Irving

Thur. April 23, 1925

I found a port gangway ladder
a set of code flags and some more
blocks in the locker this morning.

I sandpapered mast hoops, boom
horse and port gangway ladder.

The skin is nearly worn off
my fingers so I wear gloves now.

The time goes very fast down here.

I got a letter from Mr. Baker and
am sending it home. McConover
came around today and said that
I varnished very well.

Irving

P.S. I am writing Margret and Mr. Reed.

Fri. April 24 1925.

Danded blocks all day.

The Wildfire was launched today and I helped them move it after it was in the water. The wind was blowing so it was hard moving but I could have done it better myself. Some of them are blind or crazy, pulling on the wrong lines at the wrong time.

One Captain asked the painters, (after they had finished his boat) if they had put it on right side out. They assured him that they did.

Irving

P.S I would like the Republican very much.

Sat, April 25 1925

Sandpapered and varnished all day on spars blocks mast hoops and other things. I got 2 dozen more sheets of sand paper of better quality and it lasts longer.

Constellation has a full crew of 22 now but used to have 30 men. They cut 12 feet off the main boom which overhangs the steers about 10 feet now.

I sent a letter to Raymond yesterday I never sent so many letters in my life as I have from Neperset.

I rising

P.S. Speejacke will be launched Friday sure.

Sun. April 26

I put two drunk fellows to bed last night. They are fitting out a boat at the yard and room where I do.

I didn't get up until late but I went to the yard and looked around. After dinner I waited for another fellow to go with me to the navy yard in Boston. He didn't show up until too late so I got a boat and skulled around the yard and beaches. There were quite a few people in swimming as it was very hot. The water was too cool for me. Irving

Mon April 27.

Sanded spars most of the day. Mr. Baker called up to-day and asked how I was getting on and said he would probably be up here Wednesday or Thursday. I have worn through my old pants please send some more old ones (1 pair). I saw a package today that was to go in the mail. It was on top of a mail box done up in a funny paper with the address written in pencil on the margin and stamps all stuck on. "Why don't you buy that car," a fellow asked a captain. "I don't want her she aint got no comences," was the answer.

Irving

Tues April 28, 1925

I sandpapered and varnished spars all day.

I think a ring at the end of the bowsprit would be better than an outball as you will have to hook it on to the fore stay anyway.

The end of the spiniaker boom is all-right. They some times rig an outball on the spiniaker boom but you would be better off without it. It would be a good thing to have a block and halyard up all the time. Don't put the block too high and have the halyard just long enough to reach to the belaying pins on each side. Just over

Wed. April 29 1925

Very cold and windy sandpapered blocks all day.

Mr. Baker came up today and was quite pleased. He hired another boy while he was in Bermuda. He was on of Dainty's crew in the Bermuda race. I said to Mr. Baker, "he must know about boats then," but he said, "oh not any more than you I guess". The boy is English and about my build. He will come up here about the 18th of May. I am supposed to have "Squaw", ready by the 20th. We will then sail to Newport, New York or Phila. Pa. I won't do a thing to the boat except

Clean it off untill we get down there
some where. He liked the spars blocks
and every thing that I had done. He
is a very funny fellow in some ways.
He stayed less than an hour at the yard.

The 35 foot boat that was at the
show two years ago is at the yard
now. She has a Scripps F4 in her
now and will make 10 miles so they
say. The fellow who came with Mr. Baker
is going to get one just about like
it in a couple of years when his boy
is 10 years old. It is certainly a dandy
boat. Some of the fellows at the yard
said they admired my nerve trying to
fit out a N. Y. 40 single handed. It is a

Thurs. April 30 1925

Sandpapered blocks and other things. It is very cold, ^{and} windy and it rains part of the time. I saw a little snow today, the last of April.

I made a mistake about the balloon jib it cannot be halled up on the fore stay while the jib is on. I would put the block just over the fore stay. Lawleys get 50¢ a pound for a Hershoff ~~and~~ anchor and they have them in stock. I have been advised to write to the Hershoff Company, you might try that. I am looking for a second hand one.

P.S. They wont put Speerjacks Irving overboard untill next Saturday. Highest tide,

tough job I can tell you.

I went down below in the "Arad" it certainly is some boat. There is a regular machine shop in the engine room. There is an electric lathe also an electric drill. It is fitted so a crane goes over each motor to lift off the cylinder heads. The motors are 200 horse Winton's.

When Mr. Baker sends me a check what is the best way to send money home.

Irving

P.S. I need more paper. it is Whiting's French Cheviot small size.