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TELEPHONED FROM PEARL HARBOR *June 23, 1942*

James Edward Thompson, who is in the United States Navy, talked to his mother, Mrs. Ben Thompson, and Miss Betty Dillman of Newton, Thursday evening, over the telephone. It was about 2:30 in the afternoon at Honolulu and 6:30 at Newton. They said that his voice sounded natural and they could plainly hear every word he said.

Before completing the connection, which came from Honolulu to San Francisco by radio telephone and thence to Newton over the long distance lines, the operator warned Mrs. Thompson and Miss Dillman to say nothing about the weather, ship movements or other military or naval operations and to ask no questions on these subjects.

Jimmy's ship was just in from fleet operations in the battle area of the Western Pacific ocean.