

Personnel Officer,
Naval Advanced Base,
Noumea, New Caledonia.
% Fleet Postoffice,
San Francisco, California.
Dec. 16th, 1942.

Dear Mary & Lincoln:

I want to thank you for a real long letter you wrote, also two V-mail letters and another letter written to Ruth which she sent on to me, so I have had a lot of news from Rochester way and about the Canfield family. I compliment you on your cheerfulness in adjusting yourself to war-time restrictions on gasoline, etc. There seems to be an almost universal willingness to accept these restrictions that come along.

Well I can disclose my whereabouts listed above, a French colony, a long ways from home incidentally. We are getting mail better now. I have received several packages in the last few days. Notice that you mailed me once, I did not expect you to do so, however will appreciate getting it of course, however I am wondering how you addressed it. One of your letters came to me merely %Postmaster San Francisco, and if it was addressed that way I doubt if it will reach me, here's hoping though, and I certainly want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in remembering me way out here in the southpacific.

I have a real pleasant assignment as Personnel Officer for this Navy base, and it is a real busy job and a real busy office that I preside over, with lots of fine yeomen working in the office.

I arrived here September 1st so am getting to be an old settler. I am associated with a very fine group of men and as long as I have to be away from home I am sure that I would just as soon be here as most anywhere. I cannot discuss the work I am doing but will have a lot to tell about the war when it is over.

Mary Frances is in her last year of college and is back at Logan. I do not know what her plans are for after ~~the war~~ her graduation I would like to have her go to college for another year or two, as she is plenty young, however she may have other plans.

I have had several letters from mother and shee seems to be reasonably well and content. I enclose a letter I received from Edward Walker (Jr). He writes me quite often. Lewis Newcomb is now a Second Lieutenant in Army air corps and is headed out this way for duty. Lewis B. Walker Jr. is still at Moffett Field with Lion 1.

Ruth writes me she has only had one check from you towards mother's support since I left. Please send her something at once and do make these payments regularly. Ruth has assumed the burden of taking care of mother, and I do think you will want to help her just as much as you have been doing. Will close for this time with

hope that 1943 will continue to be a fine year for you. I hope that your children will be over their disabilities, I dont believe I have heard of any young lady having as much little difficulties as your younger daughter.

I have just read a book "So your husband's gone to War" it was interesting, also recently read Private Hargrove

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