

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date I-9-45

Katrine

Mr. _____

Department _____

This is a copy of the letter from the lady with the children for whom Admiral Nimitz arranged to replace the stolen articles. I'm sure Mr. Carter will wish to enclose it in his letter to the Admiral to show that she got the stuff and how the children appreciated it etc

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JANUARY 3RD, 1945

DEAR MRS. ANDREWS:

THIS HAS TAKEN ME MUCH LONGER TO GET TO THAN I INTENDED HOWEVER PERHAPS IT IS JUST AS WELL FOR TODAY BROUGHT A PACKAGE I'M SURE YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT. THE PACKAGE CAME FROM A COMMANDER HICKEY, C/O FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. THE BOX WAS FILLED WITH THE NICEST THINGS FROM HAWAII, 3 PAIR SLIPPERS, 3 PURSES (CONTAINING \$1. EACH), 3 SHELL NECKLACES, 3 WOOD CROSSES ON LOVELY CHAINS, 5 WOVEN BASKETS, 5 CARVED BOATS, 5 SCRAP BOOKS, 3 HULA SKIRTS. I KNOW YOU WILL BE AS HAPPY ABOUT THIS AS WE ARE. OF COURSE, THE CHILDREN THINK IT WAS THEIR DADDY WHO SENT THEM AND I THINK IT JUST AS WELL THAT THEY DO. THEIR HAPPINESS THIS NOON WAS SOMETHING TO BEHOLD. I WANT YOU TO THANK MR. ANDREWS AND THE OTHER KIND GENTLEMEN WHO HAVE TAKEN MY INTEREST SO TO HEART. I DELAYED WRITING IN THE HOPE THAT THE FILE PAPERS MENTIONED WOULD ARRIVE ANY DAY. AS YET THEY HAVE NOT.

MORE NEWS - COMMANDER SEARS IS STATIONED HERE AT GLENVIEW AIR BASE JUST OUTSIDE CHICAGO. HE SURPRISED US A DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS EVE WITH GIFTS FOR ALL OF US. HE CAME AGAIN ON CHRISTMAS EVE BRINGING TWO OF HIS THREE LOVELY CHILDREN WITH HIM. WE HAVE HIM TO THANK FOR A GRAND CHRISTMAS TREE AND A WONDERFUL 20 LB. TURKEY. THREE OF MY CHILDREN HAD LUNCH AT HIS HOME AND HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING MRS. SEARS. IT WAS NECESSARY FOR ME TO WAIT FOR MY TWO BROTHERS, HOME ON FURLOUGH, THEIR LAST BEFORE GOING BACK TO THE FIGHTING FRONTS. WE WERE ALL GOING OUT TO ST. MARY'S WHERE I HAVE THE TWO SETS OF TWINS AND EDWARD 13 IN SCHOOL. THEY HAVE BEEN THERE SINCE MY HEALTH FAILED SOMETIME AGO. COMMANDER SEARS VISITED THE BOYS AT SCHOOL AND AGREED WITH ME IT WAS BEST FOR ALL CONCERNED THAT THEY REMAIN AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. THE NUNS ARE VERY GOOD TO THEM. THE BOYS LOVE THE SCHOOL AND ARE GETTING ON SPLENDIDLY. I VISIT THEM EVERY OTHER SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THEY COME HOME ON WEEKENDS, AND DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR A FEW WEEKS. THOUGH IT COSTS MORE FOR ME TO HAVE THEM OUT THERE IT IS WELL WORTH IT. THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY HAVE THEIR OWN FARM. ALL THIS IS A WONDERFUL LIFE FOR THE BOYS & THEY LOVE IT. MICHAEL AND THE TWO GIRLS ARE WITH ME.

YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE WHAT IT MEANT TO ME TO MEET AND TALK WITH COMMANDER SEARS. HE HAD MANY FINE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT OUR LOVED ONES. HE WAS MOST SINCERE WHEN HE SPOKE OF THEIR COURAGE AND HIS OWN SORROW WHEN THIS PLANE DID NOT RETURN. WE NEVER KNOW ABOUT THOSE THINGS FOR AFTER ALL WE HAVE NO POSITIVE PROOF THAT THE BOYS ARE GONE. HE AGREED WITH ME WHEN I VOICED THE ABOVE SENTIMENTS.

I LET THE COMMANDER READ THE LETTERS THAT CAME FROM YOUR HUSBAND'S OFFICE IN REGARD TO THE MISSING EFFECTS. HE THOUGHT THAT YOU HAD BEGUN A FINE THING AND SUGGESTED I FILE THE PAPERS WHEN THEY ARRIVED, WHICH AS I STATED BEFORE THEY HAVE NOT. HE, IN TURN TOOK THE COPY OF THE LETTERS FROM NAVY PIER (STATING THE EFFECTS WEIGHED 86 LBS.) AND HE INTENDS TO TRACE THIS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

THERE MAY BE A DEEP SADNESS IN MY LIFE BUT I FIND SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR. THE HAPPINESS YOU HAVE SENT, MY LOVELY HANDKERCHIEF CASE & HANKY, IT IS PERFECT. THE GIRLS WERE THRILLED WITH THOSE BEAUTIFUL PAJAMAS, NEVER HAVING OWNED ANYTHING LIKE THEM, IT WAS A THRILL INDEED. EDWARD & MICHAEL WERE SO PLEASED WITH THEIR TIES. THE BOOKS WERE A PERFECT SELECTION AND I KNOW THEY WILL ENJOY THEM FOR A LONG TIME TO COME AS THEY PASS THEM ON TO EACH OTHER. EDWARD, I THINK VOICED ALL OUR SENTIMENTS, WHEN HE REMARKED - GEE, MOM I DON'T KNOW HER BUT I SURE DO LOVE HER, SHE'S A SWELL LADY - AND WE DO LOVE YOU INDEED AND HOPE AND PRAY THIS NEW YEAR WILL BRING YOU THE HAPPINESS YOU DESERVE. COMMANDER SEARS ASKED ME TO SEND HIS DEEPEST REGARDS TO YOU AND MR. ANDREWS. IF THERE IS ANYTHING HE CAN DO FOR ANY OF US HE WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO DO IT.

WRITE ME WHEN YOU FIND THE TIME. GOD BLESS YOU FOR BEING SO GOOD TO ME AND MINE.

ALL OUR LOVE TO YOU AND MR. ANDREWS.

ANNE HEALY & ALL THE CHILDREN