

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1942

My dear Mrs. Hart:

It is with deep regret that I confirm the Navy Department's dispatch informing you that your husband, Boatswain Bernice Clifford Hart, United States Navy, is missing following action in the service of his country.

The information received indicates that he was performing his duty somewhere in the Manila Bay area, at the time of the capitulation of Corregidor, on May 6, 1942. Up to that time, dispatches had been received concerning Navy personnel, and as no report of his death or injury was received, it is possible that he is a prisoner of war. As you can understand, it may be several months before definite official information can be expected.

I share in your anxiety and will forward promptly any report that may be received. In the meantime, it is suggested that you keep the Navy Department advised of your forwarding address.

As a recent law has been passed providing for the payment of allotments for the support of dependents and payment of insurance premiums of missing officers, it is suggested that you communicate with the Navy Department concerning allotments that may lapse.

I know that it must be a source of pride and gratification to you that your husband, Boatswain Bernice Clifford Hart, United States Navy, was among those whose courage, fortitude and tenacity made possible the epic stand against the enemy.

Sincerely yours,



The Secretary of the Navy.

Mrs. Bernice Clifford Hart,
Franklington,
Washington Parish,
Louisiana.

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Mrs Adelaide Natalie Hart
Franklinton La.

The Navy Department exceedingly regrets to advise you that according to records of this department you Husband Boatswain Bernice Clifford Hart United States Navy was performing his duty in the service of his Country in the Manila Bay area when that station capitulated X He will be carried on the records of the Navy Department as missing pending further information X No report of his death or injury has been received and he may be a prisoner of War X It will probably be several months before definite official information can be expected concerning his status X Sincere Sympathy is extended to you in your anxiety and you are assured that any report received will be communicated to you promptly.

Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs Chief of the Bureau of Navation.

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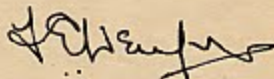
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JUL 24 1942

Dear Madam:

I am forwarding you herewith a Letter of
Commendation directed to your husband, Boatswain
Bernice Clifford Hart, U.S. Navy, who played a gallant
part in the action in the Philippine Islands, and is
currently listed in the Bureau's records as missing in
action in the service of his country.

Very truly yours,



L. E. Denfeld
Captain, U. S. N.
The Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel

Mrs. Bernice Clifford Hart,
Franklington,
Washington Parish,
Louisiana.

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON

July 30, 1942.

Mrs. B. C. Hart,
Franklinton, Louisiana.

My dear Mrs. Hart:

I did know your husband, Boatswain Hart, very well and saw a good deal of him both on Bataan and at Corregidor. We worked together quite a bit and I have the greatest admiration for him.

After leaving Olongapo about December 25, he was sent to Marivalis. About January 23 we discovered the presence of Japanese uncomfortably close to our drydock on Longoskawayan Point. Commander Frank Bridget realizing the seriousness of this, rounded up all blue-jackets that he could find, including about 150 Marines who were on Anti-aircraft batteries and for the next five days they were fighting the Japs in that area. Your husband was a Platoon Commander during that fight and did excellent work especially when one considers that the Navy personnel employed had not been trained for field fighting. The Japs were especially selected and trained for that particular mission which was to infiltrate into that area until about 200 strong, and then block the only highway supplying our Army. It was an excellent move on their part but it didn't carry through for after a total of seven days of severe fighting the Japs were killed to the last man. During that period, I worked with your husband and consequently got to know him very well.

A week or so later the Army requested us to install some Navy guns along the West Coast of Bataan, and instruct and assist the Filipinos in manning them. Your husband rose to the occasion for it was necessary for me to send him up with one other man where they did excellent work in getting these sea-coast batteries in operation. During February, the Navy Battalion that had been formed at Marivalis was ordered to Corregidor to strengthen the beach defenses there; from then until April 10 I saw Hart frequently and I assure you that up until the time I left, he was in excellent health and high morale.

You should not be unduly worried about not hearing from him, as no regular mail has gotten out since December. A few

Mrs. B. C. Hart,
Franklinton, Louisiana.
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letters were taken out from time to time by pilots of planes or captains of submarines, but that was entirely a personal matter and only a very few were able to take advantage of it. From all investigations that we made, the Japs were taking good care of our prisoners in Manila, and since Corregidor was a negotiated surrender, I feel certain that they will take equally good care of our military prisoners. Reports are beginning to come in concerning them and doubtless you will have some word before long.

It was a pleasure to have known and served with your husband under rather trying conditions. He measured up to every expectation and you should be mighty proud of him. With kindest regards and every good wish, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,



WM. T. CLEMENT,
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps.

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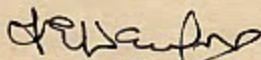
August 15, 1942.

My dear Mrs. Hart:

In order that you may be informed fully, I am pleased to advise you that the Secretary of the Navy on August 11, 1942, awarded the Silver Star Medal to your husband, Boatswain Bernice C. Hart, United States Navy, reported as missing, in recognition of his gallantry in action and devotion to duty during the period November 5, 1941 to March 11, 1942.

The Citation and medal are being held in the Navy Department pending further information of your husband.

Sincerely yours,



L. E. Denton
Captain, U. S. N.

The Assistant Chief of Naval Personnel

Mrs. Adelaide Natalie Hart
Franklington
Washington Parish, La.

Medal and citation sent by registered mail June 20-1942

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(U. S. COL. INF. U. S. A.)

APRIL 5th — DECEMBER 20th
GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

August 26, 1942

Mrs. B. C. Hart,
c/o Mrs. T. D. Bickman,
Franklinton, Louisiana.

My dear Mrs. Hart:

I have just received a clipping on the honor paid your husband for his gallant action. I am writing at once to express our congratulations, and to join in hoping that some word will soon be received from him.

We join with you in taking the greatest pride in his splendid achievements.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

James K. Mooney
James K. Mooney,
Registrar.

JKM:gw





STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
BATON ROUGE

SAM H. JONES
GOVERNOR

September 25, 1942

Dear Mrs. Hart:

It was with real sadness that I learned officially from the Navy Department today that your husband, Boatswain Bernice Clifford Hart, is reported missing in action.

I know how deep must be your concern and the anxiety that you must feel for the welfare of one so dear to you.

May I express personally and on behalf of our State deepest sympathy and the hope that later dispatches will bring more encouraging news.

Sincerely,



Sam H. Jones
Governor of Louisiana

Mrs. Adelaide Natalie Hart
Franklinton, Louisiana



NAVY DEPARTMENT

78562- Pers-2224b-CXP BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 6, 1942

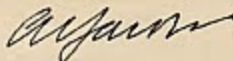
My dear Mrs. Hart:

In reply to your letter of October 29, 1942, officers are not assigned serial numbers, but are assigned signal numbers annually for precedence purposes, as listed in the Navy Register.

The present signal number of your husband, Boatswain Bernice Clifford Hart, United States Navy, is 10431 and his permanent correspondence file number is 78562.

Sincerely yours,

RANDALL JACOBS,
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy,
The Chief of Naval Personnel.



A. C. Jacobs,
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. N. R.,
The Head of the Casualties and Allotments Section,
By direction.

Mrs. Bernice Clifford Hart,
Franklinton, Louisiana.



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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 16, 1942.

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My dear Mrs. Hart:

I take pleasure in forwarding to you the Silver Star Medal and citation awarded to your husband, Boatswain Bernice G. Hart, United States Navy, reported as missing in action, in recognition of his gallantry in action incident to the action of United States Naval Forces against the enemy from November 5, 1941 to March 11, 1942.

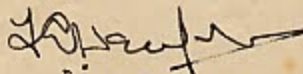
You are requested to hold this decoration and citation pending the return of Boatswain Hart to naval jurisdiction or until further information is received regarding his status.

The Silver Star Medal is being forwarded this date, under separate cover, by registered mail.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above decoration and citation.

The Navy Department has refrained from publishing citations for obvious reasons, hence you are requested not to publicize the citation in this case.

Sincerely yours,



L. E. Denfeld
Rear Admiral, U. S. N.
The Asst. Chief of Naval Personnel

Mrs. Adelaide Natalie Hart
Franklington
Washington Parish, La.

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December 7, 1942

Dear Mrs. Hart:

We are very sorry to report that the picture you request showing men listening to a radio on Bataan was obtained by us through the Acme Newspicture service in New York and consequently does not belong to us. We therefore do not have the authority to release it, but only the right to reproduce it once. Also, unfortunately, we do not have the names of the men shown.

On one occasion we wrote to Acme asking them if they had any of the names of the men shown in their pictures, but they informed us that the caption material attached to each picture was all the information they possessed. In view of the fact that their picture files are made up of photographs obtained through many different sources all over the world, it is understandable that it would be virtually impossible for them to receive and accurately record the names of all men shown in their photographs.

We sincerely regret that we can be of so little assistance and hope that you will soon hear from your husband.

Very truly yours,

The Editors

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Mrs. B. C. Hart
CDK:MMC

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JAN 15 1942

My dear Mrs. Hart:

Your letter of December 2, 1942 to the Secretary of the Navy, concerning your husband Boatswain Bernice C. Hart, U.S.N., has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

I am pleased to inform you that your husband was selected last summer for promotion to the rank of Ensign for temporary service to take rank from June 15, 1942. While it is not possible to effect this promotion under existing circumstances, it is the policy of the Navy Department to continue to regard officers in such a status as eligible for promotion without loss of precedence or seniority.

When your husband returns to Naval jurisdiction, therefore, he will be issued a temporary appointment as Ensign to rank from June 15, 1942.

I trust that this will serve to clarify this matter for you and to relieve your very understandable concern.

Sincerely,

R. A. Koch

R. A. KOCH
Capt USN (Ret)
Special Assistant
To Chief of Bureau

Mrs. Bernice C. Hart
Box #264,
Franklinton, Louisiana.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON



MAR 10 1943

My dear Mrs. Hart:

The Bureau is glad to inform you that a report has been received from official Japanese sources, via Geneva, to the effect that your husband, Boatswain Bernice Clifford Hart, United States Navy, is a prisoner of war in the Philippine Islands.

This confirms the Bureau's previous letter to you indicating that your husband was probably a prisoner of war, as he was serving in the Manila Bay Area at the time of capitulation.

The Prisoner of War Information Bureau, War Department, is assisting families in obtaining additional data concerning prisoners of war. Inquiries should be addressed to:

Prisoner of War Information Bureau
Office of the Provost Marshal General
War Department
Washington, D. C.

In addition the American Red Cross is endeavoring to deliver brief messages from the next of kin to internees and your local chapter of the Red Cross will be pleased to give you complete details regarding the procedure to follow.

The Secretary of the Navy appreciates your anxiety and directs me to inform you that the Department of State is making every effort to assure the welfare of prisoners of war. You will be kept advised of any developments.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "R. A. Koch".

R. A. KOCH
Capt. USN (Ret.)
Special Assistant
To Chief of Bureau

Mrs. Adelaide Natalie Hart
Box 264
Franklington, Louisiana

WAR DEPARTMENT
SERVICES OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON
March 22, 1943

Mrs. B. C. Hart,
Franklinton, Louisiana.

Dear Mrs. Hart:

The Provost Marshal General directs me to reply to your letter of March 14, 1943, regarding your husband, Boatswain Bernice Clifford Hart.

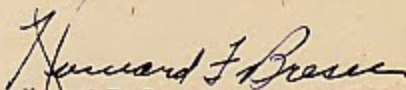
Pictures may be sent provided they do not reveal information which is of military significance.

The cable from the International Red Cross from Geneva, Switzerland, reporting your husband a Prisoner of War, did not give the exact place of his internment. It simply stated that he was interned in the Philippines. Nor did it indicate that he was sick or wounded. It is therefore assumed that he was in good health.

It is believed that the inclosed circulars will answer your inquiries.

Further information will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

Sincerely yours,



Howard F. Bresee,
Colonel, C.M.P.,
Chief, Information Bureau.

2 Incls.
Info. Cir. Nos. 1 and 10.





STATE OF LOUISIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

SAM H. JONES
GOVERNOR

March 23,
1943.

Mrs. B. C. Hart
Franklinton, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Hart:

I note from the Bogalusa News of March 15th that your husband is among the American soldiers and sailors held as prisoners of the Japanese.

I desire to extend my full sympathy to you and the family. I know that it is not pleasant to know that your husband is a prisoner of the Japs, but I trust that the fair treatment which our country is showing the Japanese prisoners here will be persuasive toward fair treatment for our boys.

I trust that your husband, Ensign Bernice C. Hart, may enjoy good health and return in a short time to the family fireside.

Sincerely,

Governor of Louisiana

SHJ/jl

HOTEL EDMOND MEANY

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT
SEATTLE

June 29, 1943

Dear Mrs. Hart:

I did not know Cliff personally, only knew him through official connections. Cliff was in charge of public works & every time we wanted anything done, we had to go to Cliff to get it done. I know ^{him} only to speak to him on the street when we would meet. He did have a huge, big, red bowery (Jerry Colona type) moustache that was really a "hum-dinger".

On one occasion, about two weeks before Olongapo was evacuated, I talked to Cliff & at that time, he told me of plans, of his & some other officers, to go back into the hills in ~~event~~ event the show folded up. However, after Olongapo was evacuated & all military forces had been moved to Bataan, I saw Cliff on the Bataan peninsula at the

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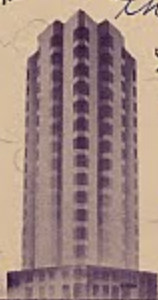
HOTEL EDMOND MEANY

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT
SEATTLE

Section base at Marivales harbor. Some of the other officers who had planned on going into the hills with him were with him at the time I saw him. Although we were seemingly stranded on the peninsula, Hart & his friends had all of their belongings packed in a station wagon & were attached to no unit officially. They still talked of the possibility of going into the hills. This was Dec. 27 or 28th, I saw him once again about the 2nd of January at the Section Base at which time he told me that he & his friends had been living back in the hills, but that he was going to be staying in Marivales Harbor from then on so far as he knew. That was the last time I saw Cliff & haven't heard from him or of him since.

My assumption is that he is either living comfortably

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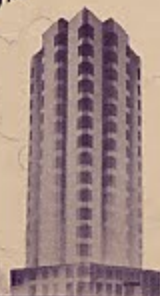
in the hills on the fat of the land or is a prisoner of war in Manila. As a prisoner of war he should be all right because of the fact that there are plenty of empty government buildings, in which the prisoners of war could be adequately quartered.

Am sorry that I can not give you any further information relative to your husband.

Sincerely,

St. L. H. Williamson

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ZONE 13

August 10, 1945

Mrs. Leila Avriett
Executive Secretary
American Red Cross
Third Street and Avenue B.
Bogalusa, Louisiana

RE: HART, Bernice C., Boatswain

INQ: HART, Mrs. Adelaide (Wife)
Washington Parish
Franklinton, Louisiana

My dear Mrs. Avriett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 23, 1945. We are also enclosing a copy of a letter recently received from Mrs. Hart.

The cablegram requested by Mrs. Hart was sent. However, we have no first hand information on how many cables are actually delivered to the Philippines, as the Japanese, despite repeated requests, have been unwilling to permit International Red Cross representation in that region. They have agreed to deliver the messages. To date no cabled replies have been received from any prisoners of war in the Philippines, although a few have been received from Civilian Internees there. We regret that we can give Mrs. Hart no more encouraging report on the delivery of her cable.

In regard to the other points mentioned in her letter, will you kindly give her the following information:

Although lists of prisoners of war who have died have only recently been furnished by the Japanese, this does not necessarily mean that the deaths are all recent. On the contrary, the lists furnished usually do not give the actual date, the War Department sets the date of death for purposes of insurance, allotments, and allowance. It seems very likely that the deaths recently reported occurred over a longer period than announcing them in a group would suggest.

Under the Geneva convention, which Japan has agreed to observe, the holding power should inform International Red Cross whenever a prisoner of war is moved to a new location. Transfers of prisoners held by Japan are reported from time to time, but, like the original reports of prisoners of war status,

(Hi, my dear:

Thought you might like to have this I am sending it on special delivery, will see you next week.

Leila Avriett

reports of transfer are often not furnished for a considerable period of time.

At present we have no facilities for securing welfare reports on individual prisoners of war. We are dependent upon the enemy for reports of ment behind their lines. Once a man has been officially reported by the Japanese to International Red Cross as a prisoner, the Japanese usually do not furnish further details concerning him except in cases of serious illness or death.

The Japanese have announced that over 9,200 letters have been forwarded to prisoners of war in the Philippines. They have also announced that beginning January 1, 1943, prisoners of war would be permitted to send outgoing letters. The number of letters permissible would probably be limited, and under war conditions would be many months in transit. To the best of our knowledge, none have yet been received from that area.

It may be of some comfort to Mrs. Hart to know that through Japanese reports to our Tokio delegate, we have heard that the health situation in the Philippines has improved, and that mosquito nets and medical supplies have been distributed.

The first voyage of the diplomatic exchange ship Gripsholm carried a large cargo of American Red Cross supplies for relief of prisoners in the Far East. One hundred tons of those supplies, according to the International Red Cross delegate in Tokio, left Yokohama for distribution in the Philippines. That amount was in addition to 500 tons of British Red Cross supplies reported to have been distributed there. We realize that these amounts are not adequate for the continuing needs of prisoners of war there. It has been possible through the Swiss government to send money for the use locally of civilian internees in the large camp at Santo Tomas, but no such arrangement has been agreed to by the Japanese for prisoner of war camps. We are obviously dependent upon the cooperation of the enemy for bringing supplies into territory under their control.

If arrangements are completed for another sailing of the diplomatic ship Gripsholm, additional Red Cross supplies will of course be carried. Meanwhile, however, we are continuing our efforts to obtain more regular methods of supply. The Soviet government has expressed its readiness to transport supplies across its territory, if agreement of the Japanese to transmit and distribute them can be secured. We recently received a communication from the Japanese Red Cross to the effect that they would be glad to help in any way in the distribution of supplies, if their governments consent is given.

Please assure this inquirer that within the limits of the military situation, over which Red Cross has no control, we shall do everything possible to alleviate the condition of prisoners of war in the Philippine, and to obtain a more adequate communication system.

Sincerely yours,
Edna Mattox
(Miss) Edna Mattox
Ass't National Director
Home Service

By: *Ida Oswald*
(Mrs.) Ida Oswald
Home Service Correspondent

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P. O. Box 264
Franklinton, La.
July 17th, 1943

American Red Cross

Dear Sirs:

The high death rate among our prisoners of war in Japanese hands, is a cause of increased anxiety to those of us who have men in that group.

Is it not possible for the International Red Cross to investigate conditions in these prison camps so that we may know if these deaths are due to negligence and mistreatment?

It is to be expected that a certain percent will die, especially when one considers the condition most of these men were in from disease and starvation when captured. Never-the-less it is strange that most of them managed to live over a year in captivity only to die within recent weeks? How is this accounted for?

From news reports I see where a few deaths have taken place outside of the Philippines, yet these same men were officially reported as being held there. I have sent a cable, via International Red Cross to my husband, when his name came through on the official list - this was on March 15th. To date I have had no report that it has been received. Have you had any favorable signs that these cables are getting through to war prisoners?

From information in your files can you tell me if the Naval Officers are in a separate camp as in the practice in the other Axis prison camps? Do you know the locality of any of the camps in the Philippines. I lived there for some time and am familiar with the geography of the islands.

My husband is Warrant Officer, Bosh. Bernice Clifford Hart, U.S.N.

Any information relative to conditions there will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Adelaide N. Hart.

Volunteer Home Service Worker
American Red Cross
Franklinton, Louisiana

THE WHITE HOUSE
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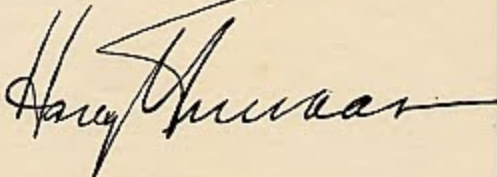
14 December 1945

Dear Bernice Clifford Hart,

It gives me special pleasure to welcome you back to your native shores, and to express, on behalf of the people of the United States, the joy we feel at your deliverance from the hands of the enemy. It is a source of profound satisfaction that our efforts to accomplish your return have been successful.

You have fought valiantly and have suffered greatly. As your Commander in Chief, I take pride in your past achievements and express the thanks of a grateful Nation for your services in combat and your steadfastness while a prisoner of war.

May God grant you happiness and a successful future.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harry Truman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



Bernice Clifford Hart, Boatswain, USN
P. O. Box 264
Franklinton, Louisiana

IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY

1. I am interned at—Philippine Military Prison Camp No. 1.
2. My health is—excellent; good; fair; poor.
3. Message (50 words limit)

Studying Spanish, farming, thinking. Letter my greatest

desire. Luckily have pictures you and son still. Wondering

how Noel, Bud, Fred, Betty's husband are. Do you still call

son Skippy; must be big lad now. Glad not old enough for

this one. Forget candle in
window. Keep pantry crammed.

D. C. West,
Signature

Love, Cliff.

SERVICE des PRISONNIERS de GUERRE

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I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU OF THE LIBERATION FROM JAPANESE CUSTODY OF YOUR HUSBAND, BOATSWAIN BERNICE CLIFFORD HART USN. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND HIM FREE VIA THIS BUREAU A TWENTY-FIVE WORD MESSAGE. EVERY EFFORT TO EFFECT DELIVERY THIS MESSAGE BEFORE HIS RETURN TO UNITED STATES WILL BE MADE. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE FURNISHED YOU PROMPTLY WHEN RECEIVED. I REJOICE WITH YOU IN THIS GOOD NEWS AND HOPE THAT HE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AT AN EARLY DATE.

=VICE ADMIRAL RANDALL JACOBS THE CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

No.	<i>L.S.</i>	To	<i>Mrs. Harkins</i>
By	<i>P. A. Lee</i>	To Be	<i>mail</i>

FRANKLINTON. LA.

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CLIFFORD, MY DARLING;

I'M HOPING THAT THIS WILL REACH
YOU BY CHRISTMAS — IF ALL GOES AS PLANNED IT
WILL.

SWEETHEART "MY GIFT TO YOU IS A GIFT OF LOVE,
'IT SHALL LAST TILL THE LONGEST DAY,
IT WONT WEAR OUT, IT WONT BREAK DOWN,
AND IT CANT BE GIVEN AWAY."

YOU ARE IN OUR HEARTS — THIS DAY AS ALWAYS.
THERE ARE OTHER CHRISTMASSES COMING, WHEN
YOU SHALL BE HERE WITH US IN REALITY —
THERE WILL BE TURKEY WITH GOOD OLD
CORNEAL DRESSING — ALL THOSE THINGS
YOU LOVE.

JUST HOLD FAST AND NEVER LOSE FAITH FOR
A MINUTE.

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THIS
WORLD.

I'M WAITING FOR THAT GREAT DAY, WHEN
I SHALL BE IN YOUR ARMS AGAIN.

GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE FOR ME.

FOREVER AND EVER

Adelaide

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