

Sunday, 5 Oct. 1941

Dear Folks,

I enjoyed your two letters very much indeed. They were sent from Mississippi and reached me yesterday. They had been held up several days, at least one of them had, by some typhoon weather around Guam. Finally they sent a Sikorsky plane out there to bring the mail on in to Manila. It seems that after a typhoon the sea stays too rough for one of the big clippers to take off for a few days so the smaller plane handles it.

I am glad that your trip was going along so nicely and I hope that the return part of it was just as pleasant. Please congratulate Mary for me on becoming a Tridelt. I hope that she is going to like things there and do well. I know that no girl has had a more earnest and devoted effort by her parents to properly prepare her than has Mary.

I know that you are enjoying having Aunt Minnie with you I hope that she is going to stay for a real long visit. I plan to write Tattie real soon. I am very happy to know that she is progressing all right.

Dad apparently had a right thorough look at the tung land. I will be interested to hear what he found as to things there. I had such a few minutes to look around that I didn't get a very accurate picture of how things were.

I am transferring control of our finances to Frances and I hope that she will be able to clear up our bill on the tung land shortly.

So far your letters have been coming through a lot better than hers. At least yours are usually written 5 days to a week later than hers. I will be very glad to hear how you found them when you stopped off in Charleston. Her recent letters indicate that while they have both been well she has been bothered with a lot of problems of different kinds. I hope that she is going to be able to get straightened out in them. She has had a long stretch of trouble about getting a nurse for Larry. I think that down there where a child can be out so much that a nurse is worth while. He apparently is still pretty active and no doubt requires some intelligent attention from somebody. Frances wrote that she hoped to come up to Washington in November. I hope that it works out all right.

I played golf yesterday out at the Manila Country Club, and hope to go out there again this afternoon. This morning I went to Church here on the ship. I don't think that I will be going ashore in Manila except to get exercise. Things are pretty dreary over there, and there is nothing much worse than trying to amuse yourself in a place like that. So I am glad to be on a ship that is comfortable enough to keep you interested on board.

I have been feeling fine and hope that all of you are well and are going to have a comfortable winter. Please remember me to the Bassetts. I hope that they are all settled now.

Devotedly,

*Robert*