

if Mrs. Kullens and Mrs. Webster are still in the office I do want to be remembered to them.

This will be our first Christmas with the "empty chair": Howard was commissioned an ensign last June and sent to Puerto Rico for training in mine warfare. Last September he was ordered to Newfoundland and is now serving on a mine sweeper in the North Atlantic. I suspect he's apt to be in that locality until the end of the European war. Then, of course, the whole blooming navy will head for the South

Pacific.

This year I'm a housewife again and glad of it every day. Last year's memories of full-time teaching and full-time housekeeper with all the shortages and annoyances of wartime conditions is still a nightmare.

I have resumed my volunteer activities as my war contribution and find myself a much better wife and homemaker for having gone back to it.

Just a week ago I was amazed to hear Ruth Baker's voice on the phone and even more amazed to know that she is at Hunter College, training