September 2, 1944

Lt.(j.g.) F. R. Gray
U.S.S. Colorado
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Frank:

As busy as you are, you are most thoughtful to take the time to write me a letter. It would seem that you have a most important assignment, and I hope these are happy and interesting days for you. Chances are your old battle wagon is looking for trouble, but I hope you will always be on the giving end instead of the receiving end.

We were all pleased with the way the election turned out locally, and I hope you will get to serve out the greater part of this new term to which you have been elected. You have a lot of friends who will be on the welcoming committee when you return.

The Red Cross needs you, but I believe we have an excellent organization to carry on during your absence. No word has come to me about the next drive, but I doubt if we will have any great trouble in meeting our obligation because people at home are well sold on the importance of the organization. Jack Miller is back in civilian clothes running his dad's furniture store and he should be a big help to the next campaign because of his firsthand experience with the Red Cross.

With the best of wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

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