

John, and Mrs. Baldwin were together and for the moment I don't recall whether Kay is there now or has come back East. In regard to your son who is a prisoner of the Japanese, it is possible that his knowledge of the country may enable him to secure a little better treatment than might otherwise have been received.

In football at K. U. we are like an old man of 90 or 100 who lives in the glory of the past. Some day we will doubtless get hold of an enthusiastic youngster who has made good in football and who will build us a team that may win and hold a championship.

How much geography we are learning thru the war. I have three atlases at home and also a globe and National Geographic maps, and I follow our troops and our navy and marines wherever they are, at least insofar as I am able to know where they are.

In case the war ends comparatively soon as it may end, it is possible that Mrs. Simons and I might visit Australia and some of the Islands of the Pacific.

We have a lot of confidence in your commanding officer as we have confidence in you. My hope for an early or a comparatively early ending of the war is because of my knowledge of the character situation. A bully goes strong while he is winning and whines like a whipped pup when things go against him. When the "son of Heaven" feels the real hand of the United States in the Island of the Morning, he will feel that he has been transported to Hell rather than to Heaven. The might of the Germans has already been exploded. Cowardly curs they are in their treatment of everyone who are not a part of their ruling clique.

I am hoping for good news from Northern Africa. Russia has been doing valiant work and by constantly increasing attrition, the forces of Germany are growing weaker and weaker.

Now may God speed the day when righteousness, justice, and good will may again be the rule of life the world over.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) W. C. Simons.