

October 26, 1944

Commander L. O. Armel
U.S.S. Telfair (APA 210)
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Lyle:

I wish Marie and I could be present for the commissioning of the U.S.S. Telfair. It would be a happy occasion, and it would make me proud that I could think of the Commanding Officer as one of my personal friends.

I wish you the best of success and much pleasure in your new responsibility, and if I were a deck hand or any sort of a worker on the ship, you would be my number one choice for skipper.

The boys continue to bring home good stories about your youngsters. I don't hear so much about Johnnie because he is younger, but he is going to have a real task in maintaining the reputation which has been established by Lyle Jr. From everything I hear your older son is considered to be one of the two or three outstanding students at Junior High School.

It will be a happy day when I can see you back in Lawrence ready to take over your job upon Mount Oread.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

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