

March 30, 1942.

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Shirer,  
Tamale, N. T.  
Gold Coast,  
West Afrida.

Dear Fellow Laborers:

Greetings to you in the Worthy Name of Jesus Shrist our Lord, the Captain of our Salvation, and the One for whom our hearts are longing to have return to reign, whose right it is.

We are sorry, indeed, that no letter of explanation has been written to you as a result of the decision of the Board with reference to your returning home. No one apparently was instructed to do it, and it was neglected.

Since the Official Board considered the question of your return it has come to its attention that you, your children and Brother and Sister Herbert McKittrick have been deeply disappointed. When the matter was brought before the Board it was because of a telegram received from Springfield, in which they recommended that you remain another year, unless sick, and it was primarily on this recommendation that the Board based its decision, as it endeavored to cooperate with Springfield. However, the Board was not generally familiar with the fact that your furlough was due, nor the circumstances surrounding the children's education.

The Board, therefore, desires to express its sincere regrets because of your disappointments, and to assure you that it stands back of you one hundred per cent. The decision of the Board was made prior to the declaration of war, and while we realize the utter impossibility of safe transportation at the present time, we trust and pray that in the long-suffering and providence of God you will be kept and preserved in health and strength, both in Africa and in the homeland, until such time as the way will be open for your return to your loved ones.

While there yet remaineth time and opportunity, may many souls be won for Christ and eternity because of your labor of love and sacrifice for others. We are praying that God's will might be done, and that our hearts may continually be drawn closer to Him because of our tests and trials here.

May He bless you both abundantly and keep you in the hollow of His hand.

Yours till Jesus Comes,  
Wesley R. Steelberg  
Clara M. Payne,  
W. E. Hollahan  
For the Official Board.