

Sandpoint, Idaho

Dec. 19, 1945

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Spears,

I was so glad to hear from you again and am so glad for you that your one son and your sons-in-law are home.

So far we had no word from our precious boy Joe, we were so in hopes that we would hear of or from him soon after Japan surrendered.

I wrote the Navy Dept and they informed me just a few days ago that he is still being kept on the missing list as all those islands haven't been searched yet.

We too, are like you - just sure we can't give up hopes. I dream of Joe being

Rome, yet it begins to look pretty hopeless for him.

I've heard of one boy that was in the same squadron as our boys that was found in a gap prison camp. Let Turnbull, maybe your son know him.

I'm corresponding occasionally with the mothers of three of your buddies and if you think they might be able to give you some information I'd be glad to send them your their names.

Our second son Ellis didn't leave the states, would perhaps have been leaving soon had the war not ended when it did. He's been discharged now but his wife + 3 children

are in Calif with him so
guess they will spend the
winter in Calif.

Raymond is in college, he
will be home for the holidays
and Vernon is 14 and at home.

I'm so glad the war is
over, yet with all these
strikes and up risings in
so many places, things are
not too peaceful yet. Would
to God, people could quit
be so selfish & greedy and
were content to live in
peace & harmony.

May the blessing of God
rest upon you and the
peace of God fill your souls.

Love,

Mrs J. L. Cox