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Detach. of Patients
47th General Hospital
APO 928 90 Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif

14 Sept - 44

Somewhere In New Guinea

Dear Mr. Nabritt:

I am enclosing return address-card, as I am sure it will
get there much sooner - I am using my address of my organization -
even though I've now been away from there - for a few weeks -
At present I am now at the above named hospital - but I hope
it won't be for long -

My regards to Mrs. Nabritt and Mr & Mrs.
Johnson, as well as all Howardites, in general -

Thanks again for writing, and with best
of wishes for a greater and better Howard, not only in
1944, but in the future years to come -

Very truly yours

Donald Clark

P.S. Mr. Nabritt:

I am enclosing a few clippings - which if you haven't seen before -
might be of interest to you - especially in reference to the "hospital
headed by a former Howardite" -

t.c.

Keeping Posted

2 Sept./44

N.C.
2 Oct/44

The Home Front

AS THIS issue of the Post was being prepared, Post employees, like all working Philadelphians, were getting to and from their jobs on foot. Trolley car, bus and elevated employees, defying their union leaders, were on strike to prevent the Philadelphia Transportation Company from complying with a WMC order to employ Negroes as operators.

The strike was probably a good thing for coddled editorial legs. To vital war industries of the Philadelphia area, including the Philadelphia Navy Yard, it was a body blow, markedly slowing the national war effort. Translated in plain terms, that means that more American youths will lie for the rest of time in graves far overseas.

That is serious enough, but it is not the most serious implication of the walkout. The wasting of the nation's precious time strikes at the lives of American fighting men; the cause of the walkout strikes more terribly at the things they are fighting for—things we had hoped would someday add up to a citizenship of human beings.

Many American Negroes have died in battle. We cannot speak for them nor say what things in this homeland of theirs they found so precious that they laid down their lives to defend and preserve them. We may guess, we think, that they died for that sometimes nebulous and so often crucified idea we call democracy. Democracy, nailed to one of its crosses, is the right of white men to strike against sharing employment with their Negro fellow Americans. It is a bitterly ironic thing that a symbol of that right is the Unknown Negro G.I. who lies beneath the sod of a Normandy or Saipan, his big, stilled feet pointing tirelessly toward the stars.

Attention



Miss Lyons

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(Bulletin)

Det. of Patients - 47 Gen. Hosp

APO 928 % Postmaster

San Francisco Calif

5 October, 1944

Somewhere In New Guinea

Dear Mr. Abbott:

A few weeks I rec'd your card, which I filled in and returned the same day. I do appreciate the way in which you are constantly keeping in touch with me and some day, I hope I will find it possible to express in person my said feelings to you & the faculty at Howard.

Yours of 29th of Aug. was sent to me from the APO. to my "new address" as I've been transferred out of the organization and am now a member of the Detachment of Patients, here.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Last Sunday, I had the pleasure to talk to Maj. Arthur H. Simmons (formerly of Freedmen's Hosp.) the first time in more than 3 months. His hospital has just had an ARC club put up, for the recreation of its patients -

Things here are more or less normal. There are movies, 3 nights per wk. and other nights - there is always the radio - ping pong, cards, darts to throw - at the recreation hall - In the hosp. everyone (that is not a bed-patient) is assigned to some duty or the other - There is the kitchen (K.P.) floors to be swept - cans to be emptied, etc. I was "made" linen "chief" with a staff of 5 - We fold - stack and take care of linen - room in general -

About 2 or 3 afternoons per week, I go to the Chaplain's office to type a few stones - which are not many, since stones are not so easy to find here in a hospital.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

What I mean, those that can be
printable -

My regards, please, to Mrs.
Habit, Mr. Mrs. Johnson, and others.
Mr. Habitt please don't reply to
this letter - as probably, when it
arrives in D. C. I may not be here
at the same address -

In the meantime I'll write
again - within the next fortnight,
telling you of the change, if any -

Have had a minor surgical of
three to four stitches - nothing serious -
stitches were taken out a few days
ago, and I am feeling fine -

With best wishes, always,

Sincerely Yours,
C. Howard Black
ASN - 13674601

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207 AAA AW BN
APO 565 9/0 P/M
San Fran. Calif
16 Jun/45

Neth. East Indies

Mr. Nabritt:

Thanks a lot for your letter
of the 1st and the commencement
folder, enclosed.

Hope by now the box has
arrived and contents found in-
teresting by you.

My regards to Mrs. Nabritt
Mrs. Dyer Johnson, the Faculty
etc. and all the others, please

Had a letter recently from
James Howard (Capt) Joel E.
Lewis MC with the 93rd - now help-
ing to drive the Japs out of the
Moluccas.

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Maj. Poindexter, also of the MC
with a Sanitary Co. - was here
at this Base, until a few
weeks ago - when he was transfer-
red further up North -

On 15 Apr. I became a Mili-
tary Correspondent, G-2 Sect 14AA
Command, although I believe I
did mention that fact in a pre-
vious letter -

Where is Rev. Howard Thurman
at the present time? Have been
writing him to 1500 Post St.
San Fran. Calif. - for some time
now - but never did receive a
rep. by - since Jan of this year -

Thanks again for every thing
Sincerely yours
Rfc. Leonard Park

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At A Casual Camp, New Guinea:

Mr. Habritt:

I know it has been quite some time since I last wrote to you, but for sometime, my "moving" about has been a bit too often -

On Oct. 16th I was transferred out of my Bn. to this Casual Camp, to await transportation back to U.S. At present I am one of thousands here, whose daily prayer is: "Lord, please send us a ship today Amen." The latest "rumor" as of this morning is, "the Gen. Mitchell will be here by Nov. 16, to take the entire camp of 4,600 GIs -" whether true or not, I am sure we will be out of here to be at our homes for the Xmas holidays. I hope to have arrived and been discharged at Fort Dix, N.J. by that time. Please don't bother to write, as officially, I now have no more military address, as far as Uncle Sam is concerned - My best regards to Mrs. Habritt, Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, the faculty & all the others - Wishing you a very pleasant Turkey Day & hoping to be in W.C. to wish you a "Merry Xmas" in person, I am,
Very truly yours,
Conrad Clark

MAIL

Pfc. Conrad Clark-4601
1800-11 ST-N.W.
Washington, D.C.



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V...- MAIL

Mrs. [unclear]

Dr. James Nabrit Jr.
Secy. to the President
Howard University,
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