

Since returning from Springfield and settling all of our obligations connected with our return home we sent to Brother Perkin the sum of \$500.00 we received from the sale of the trailer we took out. In my covering letter I mentioned that we received more for it than we had paid for it; that the tires were completely worn out and that we had the use of it for five years. Most of the money invested in it came from the First Baptist Church of my home town where I was saved and baptized in water. We gave the Missions Committee the choice of two things to do with this money: 1st. To apply it to the \$1000 they had advanced us on our fare; 2nd. To hold it for our outfit when and if we return to the Field. In acknowledging receipt of the money Brother Perkin advised me that it was being held to our credit for our return. I should like to add here that the chief reason for disposing of the trailer was that the Gold Coast appeared to be headed for military action and if this should happen it would be possible that the trailer would become a total loss as far as missionary activity is concerned.

You might be interested to know that we have been advised recently that our largest and heaviest trunk went down with the West Laskaway of the Barber Line. Ship and cargo were a total loss. You may remember me mentioning that before we left the Gold Coast I signed bonds with the Government for the Christian Alliance missionaries of French Territory to enter British Territory on their way to the States. Some of these arrived just before we left. Now we learn that the ship they were on was torpedoed and they were adrift on a raft for three weeks before being landed at a British port in the British West Indies. Our hearts went out in pity for them. We are most grateful that those we knew were saved. But these two incidents merely prove to us that we were right in our own decision to return when and how we did.

We are grateful to you for all you have done for us and for the interest we share in your prayers. We have always felt that Highway was fully behind us and we know that you will continue to pray for us. I want to say that our Brethren at Springfield have been perfectly wonderful to us and we have no reason to regret our long association with any of them.

It is our sincere desire that we will be able to settle down in a postorate in the near future. We have made a few contacts and it may be that by the New Year we will be able to enter some such work. As soon as this is possible we want to relieve you of the burden of our support during our furlough period. Do pray for us that we may find the mind of the Lord. May God richly bless you all.

Sincerely yours in His Fellowship

(Signed) W. Lloyd Shirer.