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June 28, 1964

Dear Sherrn & Family,

Don't know who owes who a letter, but it really doesn't matter, except I haven't heard from you for such a long time now. Right now I'm home recuperating from a good dose of Malaria. Had a few people worried for a while cause they couldn't get my temperature down from 105! But doing fine now, & hope to go back to work tomorrow. It hit my weak spot-my back, and never a day without pain in it, but I'm accepting that too.

Don't know just how much news you get there in the papers or radio about Nigeria, but we have just finished having a 14 day Nation-wide Strike. Anything that would cripple a country, this did. Banks, communications, no mail going in or out, transportation, oil, kerosene, which most of the refrigerators are run on out here in the bush anyway, dock workers, so that some of the machinery that was on board ships had to turn back; but anyway, we still could get fire-wood for our stoves.

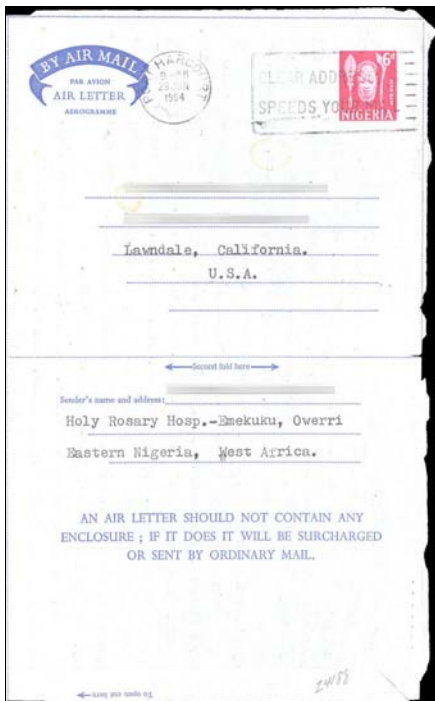
But at times we were worried, not for ourselves personally, but for the hospital and patients; supplies, drugs, and foodstuffs were getting low with no prospects of anything coming through to us. But we came thru ok with no great tragedy, it could flare up again any time. Will explain the details about it when we see you, unless you already know by now.

When I say that we were not worried for ourselves, I mean just that cause even if they wanted us out of the country, which in some parts, they do; we couldn't get money in to us, or could any money come out of the banks, so we just lived, as we are doing now, from day to day and worry tomorrow.

But we are going on as usual at the hospital and with our work. We are plenty busy, and if we did want to worry and fret, we just wouldn't have the time. Couldn't believe the date above when I typed it. Time is going so fast and we still have so much to do about going home. But we are booked anyway on the boat from Lagos to London anyway. We expect to be home around the first week of November sometime.

Time out for a few minutes; nurses come trooping up seeing how I am doing, and saying "Nndo" meaning sorry. Oh, they are a great bunch! Let me hear from you real soon, and LOVE to all the family.

Madeline Johnson



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