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H. H. CREEKMORE
RUFUS CREEKMORE
WADE H. CREEKMORE

Saturday Dec 18 1943 -

Dear Hubert -

We have all enjoyed reading your letters as they came and are glad to know you are in a location where the climate is not too bad and where your duties are not as overtaxing as might well be the case otherwise. We received your Christmas cards and Betty was particularly pleased to have one all for herself.

I'm sure mother has already written you that Walter is home, after completing his indoctrination, and will remain until after Christmas when he will be sent to Harvard for four months. He is in Communications also, but of course has no idea what his ultimate duties will be nor where he will be sent.

For the past ten days or more we have

been reminded daily at 6⁴⁵ P. M. that the "Dean of News Analysts" has been touring the South Pacific for a first hand report of the war there. I heard his broadcast from Numea and thought perhaps you had been one of those detailed to show him the courtesies and attentions he deserved. No doubt as a result of his profound advice Admiral Halsey has found way to shorten the war -

We are now suffering the first cold weather of the year. Temperature has gone to 15° which is quite cold for Jackson. It seems to have killed my garden, which up until now has been one of the prettiest I've ever seen. After trying to keep it evoked by a negro in the spring I gave it up as a hopeless task and took over the job myself with most gratifying results, not only in the garden but to myself by reason of the exercise.

We will all eat Christmas dinner at Woods this year - 15 in all - each contributing something - mother has a nice turkey and of course there

will be all the trimmings, Mrs Henson & Frank
& his family are coming down the day after
Christmas and will be with us for that day.

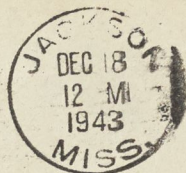
Things in general are rather quiet here. Of
course lots of the boys are gone and selective
service is inducting lots of fathers and under
a recent ruling, unless it be changed, will
take a large percentage of the small farmers
over the state. This will be pretty bad, but the
state, so far, stands among the top in so far as
the meeting of its quota promptly is concerned, and
the director is determined that this situation
shall continue. Money is free among those in
defense work, and among laborers, generally all have more
money than ever before, except salaried and professional
men who are badly squeezed - Negro families, having
someone in the service live in ease and idleness
on their allotment, and needless to say domestic
help can hardly be had. But all in all these
things are not so bad as might be imagined

from reading the statements in print.

I hope this letter will reach you not too long after Christmas. I should have written long ago but am entirely too neglectful of my duties in that regard. I will promise to do better in the future - we all send love

your brother
Rufus.

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