

CARRIER AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SQUADRON THIRTEEN

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION

ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA

18 January 1962

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Marron  
1007 Milwaukee Avenue  
Deer Lodge, Montana

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Marron:

I am writing you at this time to advise you of the status of some of Charles' personal affects that have been located here at NAS Alameda. As you know, his personal affects, both from the USS LEXINGTON and from here will be forwarded by the Navy Supply Department to whatever address you have designated.

However, I regret to say that they will not ship his Volkswagen that is here and in the custody of Commander Daniels. If you wish, I will be more than glad to have one of the squadron personnel drive it to Deer Lodge or any place that you desire.

I would like to let you know that Requiem Mass was held for Charles at the Alameda Naval Air Station Chapel last Friday.

Once again let me express our deepest sympathy for your tragic loss.

Sincerely yours,



J. E. PETERSON  
Commander, U. S. Navy  
Acting Commanding Officer

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Marron:

I offer to you my personal condolence in the death of your son, Lieutenant (junior grade) Charles Francis Marron, United States Navy, which occurred on 9 January 1962.

I know what little solace the formal and written word can be to help meet the burden of your loss, but in spite of that knowledge I cannot refrain from writing to express to you my genuine sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

*Jed Kautz*

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas Marron  
1007 Milwaukee Avenue  
Deer Lodge, Montana



Sunday  
21 January 1962

My dear Mr and Mrs. Mannon,

Mrs. Weaver

and I have just returned from Arlington National Cemetery where we laid our son to rest. I had hoped very much to communicate with you before but circumstances were such that it was impossible. Time has not diminished the deep feeling of sympathy and sorrow which we share with you. It is hard to understand how lives so young and promising should be called away but only God can determine who his helpers shall be.

Though deep grief and sorrow has touched our lives we hope and pray that it has made each of us stronger for the future.

Sincerely,  
W. Weaver



705 Wellesley Ave  
Akron, Ohio

Dear Mallie and Frank,

Folks, I cannot help but  
wish to share your extreme grief.  
I knew Charles as a young, vibrant  
lad, eager to pursue the fortunes  
that God had bestowed upon him.  
I thank the Lord for providing  
us with such a superb young  
man. Yet, we wonder how  
he can create one born in  
his own image, and on the  
other hand deprive us of the  
profound pleasure and joy in  
observing his maturation and  
full filment of obligations we  
need so desperately. This question  
will not be answered with ease.  
However, I feel confident that  
you shall triumph over the  
seemingly overwhelming sorrow  
your raw experience. Your  
fond memories and love will  
provide at first painful, and then

soon great comfort. St Augustine  
once said "Oh! Lord My Heart  
is restless Until it Rests with  
Thee! God, has given you  
three precious grandchildren whom  
I know will grow and be  
nurtured by your great strength  
and courage in your period  
of sorrow. My wife and I  
extend our most heartfelt condolences.  
May God, your faith and  
strength shelter and help you  
in this great hour of need.

Sincerely,

Dupie, Bert and daughters  
Susan and Sally.



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

Feb. 3, 1962

Dear folks:

My whole heart is with you, as I know how you and your family must feel.

Charlie went to Carroll with me, and we were room-mates during Plebe year at Annapolis. We had so many wonderful and memorable times together.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I could possibly do. My prayers and holy communion will always include you.

May God bless you.

Respectfully,  
Jack L. Loo

18 January 1962

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Marron,

Beginning a letter of this sort is most difficult because I know that there is very little that can be said to relieve the grief you must have. First of all I should briefly introduce myself. My name is Bob Whaley and Charlie's and my friendship dates back to the smoke-jumpers, Carroll College, Pensacola and finally here at Cubi Pt. in the Philippines. We were together quite a lot before the tragic accident of which I'll try to remind you of no more. I just want you to know that no one had a better chance to observe Charlie than I. He was an outstanding naval officer and an exemplary Catholic layman of whom ~~whom~~ you can well be proud. We attended mass together on several occasions and I know from my associations with him that he was in the state of grace when he died. As I said before, There is little that can be said to relieve our grief



but I am sure that we all hope and pray that this can be said of us when our times come. This we realize as Catholics and it is this that makes death a bearable part of life, for what really matters in life but how we die?

There will be a mass said for Charlie here at the Cubi PT Chapel in the near future. And if I might add just one more thing, knowing Charlie has made me a better man and I Thank you for it for his goodness, I'm sure, was a reflection of his upbringing.

I hope I will have the pleasure of meeting you folks someday.

Very sincerely,  
Bob Whaley



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Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Marron  
1007 Milwaukee Avenue  
Deer Lodge, Montana

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Marron:

It is with deep sorrow that as your son's Commanding Officer, I write this letter. I have just received word this morning that your son Charles died as the result of an aircraft accident. In your bereavement, there is little I can say that will be of consolation.


I knew Charles well personally and regarded him as one of the squadron's most capable aviators and finest officers. He was very enthusiastic about everything pertaining to the Navy and particularly about flying. His tragic loss was a severe blow to everyone in the squadron.

As you know, Charles was deployed in the Western Pacific as a member of one of the squadron's detachments. Few specific details are available at this time; however, we do know that Charles was enroute from the Naval Air Station, Cubi Point in the Philippines to Naha, Okinawa. Shortly after take off they reportedly developed engine trouble and crashed in mountaineous terrain. The entire crew of four was lost. You should receive a letter very shortly from Lieutenant WUNSCH, the Officer-in-Charge of the detachment, giving more details.

We in the flying service know that there will be accidents no matter how hard we try to prevent them. We also realize that we have an important job to do and are proud of our responsibilities. Charles gave his life in the service of our country. His sacrifice will not have been in vain as long as we can maintain a free country.

Please accept the heartfelt sympathy of myself and all of Charles' shipmates in this tragic hour. If I may be of any assistance, please write.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert R. YOUNT  
Commander, U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer