

Somewhere in North Africa

March 25, 1943

Trinity Methodist Church
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Friends:

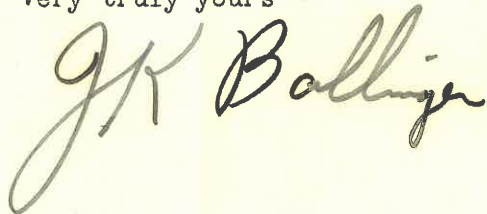
I am writing to thank you for the service bulletins of February 12, which reached me yesterday, and of December 19, which came several weeks ago. It is a splendid service to the men from Tallahassee, and I want to congratulate Ben Partridge for the fine job of collecting and editing those things that interest those of us who are too far away for newspapers.

This service makes me more than ever proud that we have had the privilege of worshipping at Trinity Methodist. I hope the day will come when we can all be together again, and my family and I can become members. It must have been some deep-rooted love for the institution and its people that impelled us to have our daughters baptized there.

We in Africa appreciate fully all that the people back home are doing to help us. This help is reflected in ample supplies, in a good and improving mail supply, in a feeling also that the courage and the spirit you have shown will not lessen under adversity, nor slacken no matter how long it takes us to do the job ahead. Having that feeling of confidence is much more important, really, than anything else, to us.

I have been well, and happy in the thought that my wife and children are in Tallahassee where we have so many real friends. I hope the day will soon come when I can be back there too.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. K. Ballinger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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