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Box 1, folder 1 Letter 1 1942 November 11
Scope and Contents
Letter addressed to Mrs. Thelma Robinson Carey written by her son Carey.
Carey starts his letter by expressing his happiness that his mother and brothers are doing well at work. There is a tone of nostalgia when he says that he wishes he could be in California and wonder if he will be able to take his wife Florence to Hawaii. He gives his mother a brief update and tells her that he is being kept busy and that he has a flight every day. He ends his letter by saying that he doesn't have much to say and that he is doing well.

Box 1, folder 2 Letter 2 1942 December 21
Scope and Contents
Letter addressed to Mrs. Thelma Robinson Carey written by her son Carey. Carey writes a brief letter to inform his mother that he is leaving the following day to a new station. Carey tells his mother that he has been very busy and that he will board the plane to leave early in the morning. He apologizes to his mother for not being able to tell her where he is going, but tells her that it will be far from home. He concludes by telling his mother not to worry about him and that he will take care of himself. He leaves a note at the end I which he thanks his brothers Pat and Cortez for the Christmas and birthday gifts.
Letter 3 1943 February 22
Scope and Contents
Letter addressed to Mrs. Thelma Robinson Carey written by her son Carey. Carey starts the letter by telling his mother that he is alive and well. He doesn’t mention his specific locations but says that he is far from home and may return for seven days. He tells his mother that he doesn’t think that his brother Pat should go to the army since he and his brother were already enlisted. He tells his mother that he hopes that his wife Florence is doing well on her own. He mentions that he would like to send his mother money and writes about his brothers. Carey tells his mother that if Pat has to join the navy that he should be in the same squadron. Carey bids farewell and once again, tells his mother he wished he was back home.

Letter 4 1943 March 22
Scope and Contents
Letter addressed to Mrs. Thelma Robinson Carey written by her son Carey. Carey starts the letter by telling his mother that he will write to her more frequently. He tells her that he hopes that Pat will not have to go to the Army or Navy and instead get into aviation. He breaks the news to his mother and informs her that he was promoted Lieutenant on March 1. Carey tells his mother that if she were to visit, he would pay for the trip himself but he doesn’t see why she should have to take such a long trip. He concludes the letter by asking his mother to tell Pat that if he joins, he should be in the same squadron as his brother.

Letter 5 1943 May 20
Scope and Contents
Carey starts off his letter by telling his mother that he should take the time to write more often to his mother and wife Florence. He asks his mother if she is liking her new job and he tells her that he hopes that she isn’t working too hard. He tells his mother that he is anxious to return home to see his wife and baby, and perhaps take a trip to California to visit his mother and brothers. He tells his mother that he hopes that his brother Pat will not have to go unless he wants to and if he does he should join the same squadron as Carey. He suggests that his brother gets into aviation once the war is over.

Letter 6 1943 June 30
Scope and Contents
Letter addressed to Mrs. Thelma Robinson Carey written by her son Carey. Carey starts his letter by saying that it is time that he writes a letter to his mom so she doesn’t think that he has forgotten her. He writes that he wished he could return home to see his family, his wife Florence, and their baby. He asks how his mother and brothers are doing. Carey let’s his mother know that he is aboard a plane and that he cannot write much because he can’t leave the light on for long. He ends the letter by telling his mother that he loves him and his brother and that he hopes that he will see them before the year is over.

Typed letter addressed to Mrs. Thelma Robinson Carey written by Commander H. J. Harris, from the Navy Department of Family Allowance. Mrs. Thelma Carey was informed that she was not sufficiently dependent on her son Carey to receive a family allowance under the Serviceman’s Dependents Allowance Act of 1942. She is informed that she may submit an additional application for further consideration if there are changes in her financial circumstances. The letter concludes by informing Mrs. Carey that the person enlisted may give a voluntary allotment if he so desires.

Black and white photograph of Carey and two other men in what looks to be living quarters.