

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

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Autograph letter signed, 2 pages.

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Dear Dad and Bee—

It seems like ages since I last heard from you, but I guess you've been pretty well occupied with Don being home. I too have been mighty busy with a very full schedule of ground school and flying.

The crew continues to be swell and Hap is a very able pilot. Incidentally "Whitey" has turned out to be an A-1 gent, contrary to the hasty first impression.

Our schedule here is even rougher than in the Cadets and we have even less time to ourselves.

Our flying schedule is gruelling cause we're in the blue six hours a day or night, every day.

That's a long time to be up there at one clip.

We've taken some rotten deals out here and as yet we haven't left the post. We were to go on a 24 hour pass starting tomorrow but this

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afternoon they cancelled all passes until further notice. It's really rough when you think that we'll be in combat in less than three months and there we won't have any place to go on passes.

Incidentally, according to all information we'll be sent into the Pacific theater. We're in an R.T.U. (Replacement Training Unit) not O.T.U. which means that we will not be sent as a large unit but rather as single ships joining a large unit as a replacement.

Before I forget, I hope you'll understand and excuse a delay in any Xmas presents but since we won't be getting *[inserted: off]* tomorrow I won't have a chance to get anything to any of you by the 25th. I hope you'll understand but it's not my doings.

Speaking of Xmas Bee, you mentioned that I might like a "Parker 51" pen. At the time I said no but since then my pen got broken. If you can get one, I'd love a medium in black and silver. It's just a suggestion if the offer still holds good. I'd love one, cause I've had to borrow a pen ever since I broke mine.

No more now, except let's hear from you cause mail is really welcomed way out here.

Lots of love —

Bobby

Notes:

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