

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

March Field, 21 December 1943.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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Tuesday

Dear Dad & Bee —

I want to thank both of you for your swell birthday letters and, Dad, for the over-generous check. Yesterday we had our first pass and the check really came in handy to provide for a good time in Hollywood. This year my birthday wasn't anything like years gone by, but instead just another day. Being away from home on such an occasion just isn't fun, and makes me wish this mess was over even more than I already do.

It was fun to get off the post and go to Hollywood where we stayed over night. Did a little drinking and saw some entertainment. 'Twas kinda fun.

You asked about our navigator, Bee. Well, he's a darn swell guy and we all like him alot.

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By the way you asked about an Xmas box you'd sent and it hasn't come yet. The mails are so so slow that I imagine it will come soon.

Before I forget, thanks oodles for the phone call on the 19th — 'twas so swell to talk to you on my birthday. I hope you don't mind being stuck with reversed charge calls now and again, but it gets kinda lonely stuck way out here so damn far from home.

Again a million thanks for the swell letter and the check, Dad.

All love —

Bobby

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