

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

March Field, California, 29 December 1943.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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Wednesday

Dear Dad & Bee —

First off, a million thanks for the beautiful pen that just arrived today. It's really just swell and writes so easily. I was sorry to hear that 375 is temporarily a sick ward. I hope both of you are 100% well again.

Xmas was a fairly sad day for all of us. We were up at 5:30 in the morning and had to fly until noon. Then we went to grounds school until six. It was just another day and quite unlike Christmas. Incidentally Bee, that box you said you'd sent some time ago has never arrived. The mails were all jammed up but it shouldn't have taken all that while.

Got off again on a 24 hour pass and I went in and stayed with Ronnie and Doug. I had dinner there and stayed over night. They have a darling house just outside of Beverly Hills. Was fun to *[strikeout]* see them again.

A few days ago Hap was removed as our first pilot. He took a raw deal and was sent away to another field. I'll tell you about it some time but it's too involved

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to write. We were assigned a new pilot by the name of Jim Robinson. He's a first lieutenant who was a pilot instructor here. He's a swell egg and a damn fine flyer.

Say Dad, I got a ride into LA with a Captain in the air force who said he had a good friend who used to be a governor on the Exchange and is now a Lt. Comdr. in the navy. By any chance do you know a fellow by the name of Wardell?

Can't think of anything else except that we're still flying lots. We're doing high altitude bombing from 20,000 ft. It's really tiring to stay up there six hours at a clip.

I tried to reach you on Christmas day but of course the lines were so tied up that I was out of luck. Again a million thanks for the nifty pen.

Here's wishing you a very happy new year and that next year we will all be together again with this mess only a bad memory.

Lots of love —

Bobby

P.S. Please address and mail the enclosed.

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