

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

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Dear Dad & Bee —

It was really swell to talk to you all yesterday. I've tried to reach you several times but as you know, it always entails an awfully long delay.

All goes well here and I'm leaving the hospital tomorrow. It's been a long siege, a little over seven weeks, and I'm mighty glad to be getting out. My leg is in good shape, although it's still rather weak. Of course I lost a little weight but I'm sure I'll gain that back when I start living a normal life again. You never eat properly in a hospital or at least I don't.

As yet I don't know what will happen with me [*strikeout*] but as soon as something develops I'll notify you. If I were lucky enough to get a leave it would be great, but unfortunately they don't give sick leaves

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any more. If I could get a few days you can be sure I'd be on the earliest airliner to N.Y. Excuse me while I go off on a little day-dreaming.

I was out of here for a few hours tonight and saw the Eddie Cantor broadcast at the post gym. He had Carole Landis on his program and all in all it was a swell show. We've had Jack Benny, Kay Kyser, and Bob Hope since I've been here although this is the first broadcast I've gotten to.

It really felt odd wandering around the field today. I seemed almost lost, not knowing a soul. I dread the [*struck: the*] thought of starting from scratch again. It made it so much easier knowing all the kids so well.

Before I forget, please thank Bunny for her last letter and tell her I'll write as soon as I'm settled again. Please also thank O'ma for her letters and tell her why I haven't been able to write.

Thanks.

No more for now except to say again 'twas swell to talk to you yesterday.

All love —

Bobby

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