

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

March Field, California, 11 June 1944.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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Sunday

Dear Dad & Bee —

It was swell to talk to you last night and find everything ship-shape at Alderbrook. I'll call you again the latter part of next week before we leave March.

For the past week or so we've had miserable weather but none the less have flown a great deal. We've just about completed all our minimums and one or two more flights ought to finish us up. You asked about my crew — the pilot's name is Bill Elkins and he's from Texas. The co-pilot is also from Texas and his name is Joe McGarvey. Both are swell gents. The navigator is

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from Portland Wash. and is really tops. He's the best navigator I've ever flown with. The six enlisted men are from various and sundry places and are all pretty good men. My pilot and navigator are both married and their wives are in Riverdale. Joe and I are the only single officers — damn it!

Not much more news from here cause I told you most everything last night. Please continue to write as I always love hearing from you.

All love —

Bobby

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Notes:

Letter is written on U.S. Army Air Forces letterhead.

Bill McGarvey is mistakenly referred to as Joe McGarvey in this letter. Robert Stone had just been assigned to this crew and could not get all the names correct at first. Bill McGarvey was the only crew member that stayed in touch until Robert's death.