

**Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone**

Honolulu, Hawaii, 17 August 1944.

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Thursday 17th

Dear All —

There isn't much in the way of news from these parts because our life at the Gunnery School is very routine. We finished our two weeks of class work and have been out on the range all week. We've really gotten alot of valuable training here. Next week we wind up the course with air to air firing.

It's really a pleasure to be here, living like a king compared to our former mosquitos' paradise. The officers club is as nice as any in the states and we eat royally. We're making the most of it since another month will doubtless find us on some small island in the large Pacific. Kinda looks like the Bonins are next on the list!

A friend of mine just brought in some mail among it your letter, Bee. I [*struck: was*] [*inserted: am*] certainly sorry to hear of the tragedy. Although I only met him once, Seymour seemed like a great guy and I know how fond you all were of him.

It's odd how the mail comes through. Yesterday I received a letter from Dad postmarked

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August 9th and your letter came today dated August 2nd. I guess some of it comes by plane and the rest by boat. Thanks for sending Readers Digest and the Scrolls, Bee.

The other day I ran into Bob McCollum who asked after all the boys as did Jim Hill who went to Deerfield and Williams. I always keep an eye open in case Ken should ever get my way — I'd certainly love to bump into him.

By the way ask Bunny if she ever got my letter from Seattle and if so tell her she owes me a letter.

Can't think of any more now except please continue to write often as mail is our greatest treat out here.

All love to you —

Bobby

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