

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

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Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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Dear Folks —

The last few days have brought in alot of mail and a good share of it from all of you — many thanks and be sure to keep your pens in action.

At the end of the week we'll be finished with Gunnery School and then back to "mosquitos paradise." This week we are doing air to air firing every day to finish up the course. I kinda hate to leave here since it's been a pleasure to have lived like a human being for a few weeks, eating three good meals today.

I continue to bump into kids from college or else former army acquaintances. It certainly is a small world even way out here. Had a letter from my best friend from Childress and he just completed his 50th mission in Italy and he's ready to come home. He's really seen alot of hell but he made the grade. If it hadn't been for my leg I'd be with him now and finished up myself if I'd fared as well.

Was in town today doing a little shopping and a few odds and ends. We had the day

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off today since we flew all day yesterday. I came back early this afternoon because there isn't a darn thing to do in town. Honolulu certainly ranks high among the biggest dumps I've ever visited.

Must run now but I hope this letter finds you all fine and in good spirits. Write often!

All love —

Bobby

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