

**Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone, Beatrice Stone, Don Stone, Jim Stone, Barry Marks, and  
Ken Marks**

Honolulu, Hawaii, 1 September 1944.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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Oahu, Hawaii

September 1, 1944

Dear Dad, Bee, Don, Jim, Barry, & Ken —

I hope you'll all excuse the lapse with no mail from these parts but life has taken up a speedier tempo [*inserted: of late.*] Gunnery school is over and I'm now the proud possessor of a very impressive diploma. At the moment we're back in our tents at this mosquito ridden paradise. Our daily (and nightly) schedule is [*inserted: a*] mighty full one right now. We're flying all the time and have a few classes between times. We've been concentrating on bombing and long navigation missions, and we're just about ready to try our luck with the Nips. In fact by the time you answer this letter I doubt if I'll still be here in Hawaii. I can't tell you much about my future destinations but you can best follow my whereabouts by reading the activities of the 7th AAF Liberators in the daily papers.

Incidentally that stuff about the B-29's is completely false. I never even mentioned to Ronnie anything about our flying and I have no idea where she got the notion

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about my changing to B-29's — not that I wouldn't like to!

Yesterday I made several phone calls in Honolulu to try to locate Barry but it was to no avail. I'm afraid he'll have to contact me through my mailing address. It certainly would be swell if we could get together.

That was certainly swell about Tommy getting his promotion. Tell his Dad I had written him before I heard from you and I'm writing him again today to congratulate him — in his last letter he was still a first. Out here promotions seem to be unheard of, and to think I'll be in grade for a full year next month. The air force has certainly backtracked from their policy of two or three years ago.

That's about all for now except to say that your letters are coming through fine and I hope you'll all keep writing often.

Love to you all —

Bobby

*[envelope]*

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