

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

Kwajalien, Marshall Islands, 10 October, 1944.

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Kwajalien, the Marshalls

October 10th, 1944

Dear Dad & Bee —

There's very little in the way of news from down here but a few lines are in order to say that all goes well with R.L.S.

The last few days were kinda dull around here because most of the boys were away on a raid. We didn't go with them so we still have our first mission to look forward to. It's hard to believe that after all this time we're actually going to fly in the real thing. Ugh, what a thought! Today I walked around the atoll taking a few pictures for my scrap book. There are still a bunch of Jap installations with gaping holes in them from U.S. gunfire. Actually, there's very little

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on the island worthy of a picture. It's just a flat coral atoll with no plant life of any sort, any more.

The two big gripes here are the food and the weather. Of course, we eat rations which aren't the most appetizing food in the world. The weather is terribly hot and very sultry. Most of the boys wear short pants and half-sleeved shirts. Even so it's unbearably unpleasant because you're constantly perspiring, even right after showering.

As yet I haven't heard from you down here but I imagine I will in a day or so. Some mail has been forwarded from APO 953 but none from any of you.

Write often.

Love —

Bobby

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