

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

Kwajalien, Marshall Islands, 15 October, 1944.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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Kwajalien, the Marshalls

October 15th, 1944

Dear Dad & Bee —

There's very little to relate since we're still sweating out our first mission. By the time you receive this letter we should have had our first taste of combat.

The other night we had some entertainment when Betty Hutton put on a show for us.

Unfortunately the program was cut short when she became sick. I think that it was a combination of her wild antics [*struck*: of] and the heat — they just didn't mix.

The weather down here is really getting me. It's so sweltering during the day time that we go around with very little clothing on but none the less perspire continually. It's a sultry heat that's very unpleasant, and tends to make you feel uncomfortable.

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As yet I haven't received mail from any of you. I did get one letter from Pam that was forwarded from APO 953. Perhaps some mail will be coming along from you in a day or so. I hope so because mail call is the big occasion of the day down here.

All of the boys are down in the mouth right now since an order came through requiring forty missions. It always used to be thirty and then became thirty five and now forty. Some of the boys were almost finished and would have been home by Christmas until the new order came through. Now it will take about a year to finish up and that's not a very comforting thought. Oh well, c'est la guerre.

Write often,

All love —

Bobby

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