

Robert L. Stone to Jane Stone Goodfriend

Marianas Islands, 17 December, 1944.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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The Marianas

December 17th, 1944

Dear Aunt Jane —

I can't tell you how pleased I was to have received the delicious assortment of Christmas packages. It was such fun opening all the beautifully wrapped packages and most welcome were all the contents which certainly hit the spot — I've always liked little snacks and out here they're even more enjoyed. Many thanks also for the reading material which is quite scarce out this way. Really Jane, it was too sweet of you to have taken the time and effort to put up such a swell bunch of Christmas packages and I truly appreciated it.

I imagine that you've learned of most of my activities from the folks. I have already flown twelve missions on my way toward our goal of forty. It's a long, hard pull.

Conditions out here aren't too good but they are improving all the time. We are living in tents and when it rains it's like living in a mud hole. Supposedly this is the dry season but you couldn't prove it by me.

I suppose that Dad told you I ran into Barry quite some time ago and have see [*sic*] him several times since then. He's in great shape and seems to be getting along fine.

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Well Jane, I guess that's about all from these parts out again I want to thank you a million for the assortment of Christmas packages. It was just like opening a batch of presents from Santa when we were kids.

My best to Henry.

Love —

Bobby

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