

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

Marianas Islands, 7 January, 1945.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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The Marianas

January 7th, 1945

Dear Dad & Bee —

I was sorry to receive your letter saying that Bee was ill over Christmas. It was a shame that you couldn't get up to Williamstown over the holidays. I hope that you're feeling fine again, Bee. In your last letter you said you thought Don was in Belgium. I think you're wrong and he's still in England, because I receive *[sic]* that same Christmas card - it was a picture of a cathedral in Bruges, Belgium. I imagine he just happened to get ahold of them but I doubt if it had anything to do with his present location.

Many thanks for sending along "Is there a Santa". I too hope that next Christmas you will be reading it to us in person. You asked about the "Pacific Strategic Air Force" that it spoke about in the papers — I believe that is a new command (in name only) but the missions that you read about are the ones we fly. Any time you read about Liberators raiding the Bonins and Volcano Is, you can be sure it's one of our outfits. Please continue to send along any clippings you see, pertaining

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to the raids we're on. It's interesting to see what they cook up for the public as opposed to what actually happened.

I'm afraid I didn't have much news after writing a couple of days ago but I did want to say I'm sorry to hear that you've been ill, Bee. I trust by now that you're fine again.

Best love —

Bobby

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