

**Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone**

Marianas Islands, 20 February, 1945.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

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The Marianas

February 20th, 1945

Dear Dad & Bee —

Just a line or two to say that all's well out here and we've got a couple more missions to our credit — we now have twenty-five. You asked if we all have the same number on the crew and in general we do except for two of the boys who have one extra. Ordinarily we've flown as a complete crew but once or twice when the crew hasn't gone on a raid one man might fly with another crew.

Speaking of the crew I'm certain I told you all their names and where their homes are, way back when I was at March Field. If you think back I'm sure you'll recall it. There isn't much likelihood [*sic*] that their families would be in the East inasmuch as Bill and Mac live in Texas and our navigator is from Oregon. If ever they were to come East I'll certainly

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notify you. We've really got an A-1 crew as proven by several close calls that we've pulled through together. It's a real test of a crew when the chips are down as they have been for us on several occasions.

A few days ago we finished up our officers club and we plan to have a gala opening in a few days. It really turned out to be a swell job and it nearly looks professional. I'll let you know how the blow-out turns out in a few days.

Chow time, so I'll put an end to my scrawling. Keep your letters coming as always and I'll try to write soon again myself.

Love —

Bobby

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