

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

Marianas Islands, 9 March, 1945.

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The Marianas

March 9th, 1945

Dear Dad & Bee —

Haven't had a whole lot to write but just a few lines to let you know that all goes well here. All of your various letters are greatly appreciated.

Life goes on about the same as ever with the usual c-rations and the various missions. The crew now has twenty-eight missions under its belt with a long road ahead to forty.

You asked if I'd seen Al Vinal's nephew of late. He's, or rather he was in the 30th Group, but he finished up some time ago. His crew broke up when we were back on Oahu last August, and he came down under as a spare crew member. I saw him after his fifteenth mission, but I know he has completed his forty and already gone back.

A week or so ago some of us located a nice sandy beach and

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we have been swimming quite regularly since then. We're trying to get a little tan because most of us have a bar room palor [*sic*]. When we're not on a mission we just sit around in our tent so we're just a white as if we'd spent the winter in N.Y.

This letter barely rates a six cent stamp but news is scare [*sic*] and I thought you'd rather have a few lines from me than no letter at all.

Best love —

Bobby

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