

Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone and Beatrice Stone

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The Marianas

April 18th, 1945

Dear Dad & Bee —

No, as yet I still haven't flown my all important fortieth mission but am still sweating it out. Thought I'd drop you a line however, to say that after eighteen short months (twenty-three if you count time and a half for overseas) my promotion came through and I'm now a 1st. Promotions are a sure point with all of us because they are so slow out here and back in the states all the ground officers behind desks get their promotions in no time. Oh well enough griping because it finally came through and I ought to be happy about it. My gold bar was turning silver after aging all this time!

Every day we seem to get in a few new crews and the squadron is overrun with strange faces and newly pressed khakis. Some of the boys were actually in the states two weeks ago.

No more for now but I hope in my next letter I can write that I've flown my fortieth.

Love —

Bobby

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