## Robert L. Stone to Jacob Stone, Beatrice Stone, and Bunny Marks

Oahu, Hawaii, 15 May, 1945.

Autograph letter signed, 2 pages + envelope.

[Draft Created by Crowdsourcing] Oahu, Hawaii <u>May 15th, 1945</u> Dear Dad, Bee, & Bunny —

This morning one of my friends brought up a batch of mail from the Matinas and so a few lines are in order, even though I wrote you a few days ago. I was terribly surprised to learn that you'd heard of the completion of my 40th indirectly because I wrote you a long letter when I finished. I trust by now you've received it because I mailed about ten letters at the same time, and I can't understand you're not receiving it. Many Thanks for all your letters of this morning! 'Twas swell of you to have written such a sweet letter, Bunny.

All goes well with this loafer, and I'm gaining weight each meal. We're living here at the rest camp eating colossal meals of nothing but fresh food and quarts of cold milk. No c-rations!!! The milk is a real treat after liquid refreshment of nothing but water or GI coffee for about a year now. To see us eat you'd think we were part of the starving Armenians. Went in to see Mr. Kellett the other day and he asked after you, Dad. He's

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an awfully nice gent.

If all goes as I think it will, I ought to be on my way home in about ten days or so. Most of the boys have had to go by boat rather than air. Of course, we'd rather fly but for some reason they've cut out our air travel.

Well folks, that's about all for the moment but I'll write again if anything new comes up. Thanks for your various letters that I received this morning. If I don't write again from Oahu, you can expect a phone call from the west coast in about two weeks or so.

Best love — Bobby

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