

Manila, P. I.
31 July, 1945

Dear Doc Staughton,

I wanted to write to you
sooner in thanks for that wonderful
letter of March 25.

Yes, it was a great blow to me,
so many miles from home, to hear of
the passing on of my Beloved Mother.
I have the consolation, however, that
she died with the minimum
of suffering, and that she is now
in a world of Peace & Happiness.
I want to thank you & your family
for your sympathy in that most
tragic hour.

As you can see from my heading
I'm now in Manila. I have
finally received an assignment. It
is to Headquarters 14th Anti
Aircraft Command. I am not
working with guns or other instruments,
except for my fountain pen.

I am what is known as a locatus
 file clerk. I am working in the
 Adjutant General's section. I enjoy
 my work & find it interesting.
 This morning as I'm not very busy I
 decided I'd write a few letters.

Manda - "The Queen of the Far East"
 that's what she used to be. Now she
 is nothing but a mass of rubble
 and chaos (financial). When purchasing
 food or some other item one doesn't
 figure in centavos but in pesos.
 The peso is supposed to be worth 50¢
 but in my opinion it isn't worth
 half that much. Many of the so-called
 homes are in a deplorable shape -
 thatched roofs or perhaps corrugated
 metal; sometimes even thatched
 walls. - on the whole an unsanitary
 mess.

As far as furthering my education
 my French course is about 1/3 completed.
 I have applied for the Armed Forces

Institute on Psychology's life.

I am hoping to again become
a member of "The Family on the Hill"
It gives me great pleasure being
able to say that I attended Wagner
College.

Woods are few & the news
has given out. I end this brief
letter with regards to all -

As always

Casper

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Noted
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am enclosing a piece of Japanese
invasion money used in the Philippines
during Jap occupation