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Maratai
Sept. 5-'45

Dear Mather,

How have you been?
I am O.K. Mail is still
coming in very slow, no
mail in 4 or 5 days now.
I haven't been writing
much as you know
already.

I don't know any thing
about when I'll get home
I'm rather short on
paints so I suppose I'll
be here some time yet.
You mentioned cars, how
is our "old car" holding
up and is it possible
to get tires? I guess
most of the cars are
pretty well worn down.

So you got the hog's
back hok? I didn't think
you could get rid of 'em
long hok. I don't suppose
it would seem natural
without 'em ha.

Yeah I guess the shoe
situation wasn't to good.
How are the shoes now
good or so-so. I bet
they cost enough. Things
seem to be higher than
before the war. I hope
you can get your Elec's
store soon.

It shouldn't be too
long before the start
sending the outfits
home. Men with 85
pairs or more have
already ~~gone~~ gone.

Things here are pretty much
the same. The work has
slowed off a bit. We
don't have many patients
now but a few still
come in. A boy from
this outfit got burned
this morning. I was
talking to him about
9 o'clock and the next
time I saw him he was
in the ward. He said
he wasn't too serious. A
Gasoline flash burn. He
works near the kitchen.

Well I guess this is
all. Best of everything
I hope you all are
well
Bye Bill

Maratai
Sept. 9-'45

Dear Mother,

I hang here on about as usual. I am doing ok. Hope everyone there is well.

Mail is still slow here. I got three yesterday and one today. The first in over a week.

I think this outfit, or at least a part is going to Japan so I guess I'll get to see the place before I get home. I'd much rather get home without seeing it. ha.

Your birthday slipped by me this year. My own almost did.

No I don't think Wayne
has to buy his clothes.
He must have run
short on money and sort
of told 'em one. At
least I've never had
to buy clothes.

Burger probably won't
go to school ^{Monday} this year
if he has to walk. I
guess he'd learn more
going to Sullivan but
Helen says he doesn't
like up there.

I guess some of the
Renter houses could stand
a little fixing up. huh?

Tell the folks Hello
and best of luck.

Bye Bill

Dear Mother,

Marstai
Sept 14 - 45

I'm getting along OK. I had a tooth filled today. Boy! do I hate to have 'em filled, it almost drives me nuts. ha. I guess I'll live through it though.

The mail situation is not much better. I got 5 letters yesterday, none today. I got a "Reader's Digest" today.

How's every thing going there? I suppose Berger is having a grand time at school. Dean has probably gone by now I hope she likes. How's Dad and the work going?

I hope you are well.

How are things on
Stomper? H.R. seems
to take quite an interest
in the Gass affair.
Maybe he should mind
his own business. He
always seemed as if he
knew it all, ha. It's
quite the opposite as
did you know? ha.

Jasie must be a
"whopper" if she is
taller than Geneva. Jo
is quite a queer bird.
In fact the whole
family is like that.

I haven't heard from
Wayne recently, so he
must have sailed.

The hay and tobacco
seems to be doing O.K.
If tobacco sell anything

like last year you should
clean up.

The trip wasn't so hot
as far as food was
concerned. hoh? I guess
Bobby found better an
the eats, if he didn't
get as long a trip.

Measuring tobacco by
farm for \$1.00 sure is
a joke an the King Bros.
farm. hoh?

How you canned lots
of stuff this year or
was fruit plentiful?

Things are as usual
I don't know when I'll
get started home, Maybe
in a year or less. They
don't seem to be getting
'em out very fast.

Bye Bill

I guess Dean has
gone to school.

Maratai
Sept. 25-45

Dear Mother,

I'm doing alright. How is
everyone there? Hope you
are all well.

You asked about sending
'Xmas presents. Let 'em
go. We are going to move
from here soon. That
will mean a change of
address and they will
be months getting here.

Mail is all messed
up now. The "aussies"
are taking over here and
I probably would never
get the packages anyway.
So just don't send any
this year, huh?

How is Master Darger
doing in school? I

guess he is a mean
little shit now, huh?

How many kids has
Drew now? If he has
three he won't have
to go overseas. 36 points
keep 'em in the
states now. I still don't
know when I'll get
home

So Nert Ratliff's gone
huh? He was a pretty
good fellow, if you knew
how to get along with
him. He and Wolfe
(News stand), were a
little alike.

~~The~~ Marlie is still
helping increase the
population, ha. He is
doing quiet well. I wonder
if the army had him
warried, ha.

We had roast chicken
for supper but it sure
doesn't taste like home
cooked chicken. Ha. Boy!
these army cooks can
sure make up food. I
doubt seriously if they
could boil water properly.

Thanks for the picture
Helen seems to have
gained a little weight.
Barger is still on the
slender side, like me.

The soldiers should get
out fast now. There
won't be many left in
this outfit. They have a
lot of time overseas.

We will probably move
in 3 or 4 wks. I don't
know where to.

Will bye for now
"Bill"



UNITED STATES ARMY

Marolai
Sept. 28-'45

Dear Mather,

How are things going? I am
OK., my cold is better. Hope
everyone is OK. there.

I suppose Berger is doing
well in school. No. Mrs. Britton
isn't a very good teacher, I never
learned any thing under her.

The only mail I got today
was the church paper. I've
got about five letters from
you of late. I got a letter
from Carl Gess this week.

Bay! He can't write worth
a shit.

I don't know any thing about
when I'll get home. All I know
is that we are moving from
here soon, probably in a
month or so.

I suppose Dean has left
for school. Hope she gets
along OK. Helen said she (Dean)
didn't have a room as yet.
The school is located in Philadelphia
isn't it?



UNITED STATES ARMY

How's the farm work going? I
saw where gas had to be
rationed again in some places
because of strikes. Has it
affected any thing there. Norman
said tires were hard to get.
Things seem to be going well
in the milk business. How
many cows do you milk now?
There isn't much new here.
Still waiting around. The food
isn't very good. I'm not
working very much but I guess
there will plenty when we
start mowing.

It's almost chow time. I
don't suppose it will be any
good.

It's hot here now, the
little rain last night didn't
~~amount~~ amount to much

Best of work

Bye Bill

Marotai
Sept. 30-45

Dear Mother,

Same old thing here. I slept until about 11.30. Made it in time for chow, which was lovely. We had a very good supper, Chicken and ice cream.

I here wasn't any mail today or yesterday. So you see the situation hasn't improved any.

I'm doing o.k. My cold is better. There isn't much work, or at least I'm not doing very much. Some of the fellows are tearing down tents, packing equipment etc.

We have to turn in our Guilders tomorrow in exchange for some other kind. I heard that we were getting Philippine money instead. I don't know exactly what that means, guess we will find out later. hok?

How are things going there?
W.O. is sort of speedy. hok?

I never thought he was a very good driver, I don't blame Dad for being afraid to ride with him.

The time seems to be slipping by pretty fast. Tomorrow is payday so another month has hit the dust. All the Americans are leaving this Island, we will be the last outfit to leave I guess or one of the last at least.

So Barger doesn't like school programmes huh. Yeah, he is like me there. Boy! I used to hate 'em. Is he learning any thing yet. I hope he can get started soon. I didn't begin until late in the 2nd grade.

I had dream of yours was surly mixed up. Roland Fellers. ha.

I hope you are all well. I am doing ok. The show tonight was one I had already seen. They seem to have forgotten this place, no food no movies or nothing. I guess we will leave soon. I hope - Bye - Bill,