

Netherlands E India

Feb. 2 - 45

Hello Mother:

How is every thing going?
Every thing here is just
about as always.

I haven't got any letters
in a day or so. no
packages either. I have
been getting some papers
right along though.

Has Helen ever gone
to work yet? I guess "Bob"
will have ~~to~~ to
get used to staying down
there all over again.

Has Dean come home
yet? I seem to be
asking a lot of questions.
huh?

I have a slight cold, nothing like the other one. I am practically over this one already.

I hope everyone at home is well. Helen said she had a cold and Bobby too I think.

I saw in the paper where Willard Doty said he had paid off a lot of the County's debt. A fine man. huh?

What's the latest news on my (army bound) Cousin and Louis Dew doing?

Well so much for this I'll write again as soon as I can think of anything to write.

How's Dad? By Bill

N.C.I.
Feb. 5-'45

Dear Mother:

How are you and all the folks? I have a little cold but I seem to be getting over it OK.

How is Wayland coming along with the Navy, I guess Justice is in the Army by now.

Is "Gerald" at home now or did she go to Fla.? Who did Marilyn get to stay with her, if anyone?

I haven't been doing so much lately. We aren't so busy any more.

The Monies have been a little better of late. I don't suppose you will

travel around as much as
before ~~as~~ with Wayne gone
Why don't you or Dean
learn to drive?

What is the latest news
on Lyman and Norman?
Lyman said in his last
letter that he didn't know
how he would come out. I
haven't heard from Norman
recently.

I got the watch today.
Thanks a lot. I'll send
the other one home soon.
I haven't got any of the
other things so far. I guess
they will get here eventually.
I guess this is enough of
this. I am ok.

By - J.K.



UNITED STATES ARMY

N.C.I.
Feb. 6 '45

Hello Mother:

I am OK. My cold seems to be better. I hope all of you are well. How is Podge?

Helen said "Bob" seemed to be doing better in school than she thought he was.

I was glad to hear that Wayne got to take his M. Marines test. How did Mays come out?

I haven't recieved any of the things but the watch so far.

How's Dad doing with his cattle? I guess the herd will need a lot of rebuilding. Boy! They must have had it bad.

You mentioned "Josh" in your letter. Where does he work.



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May's love life seems to be running rather roughly I guess he can find someone else. ha.

It has just now started to rain. We may have a rather damp sleep. Very often it blows on my bed.

I got a Valentine today from Uncle Sam's folks I had forgotten about Valentine's day. I guess Bobby sent a wad of them.

How is Marilyn's girl problem by now? Did she get anyone?

The food here is good for a couple of days and is bad for about 6 or 8. I haven't lost any weight to speak of, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. in about 3 months. I have had a couple of colds that probably did that.

Bye and lots of
Love. - Bill



UNITED STATES ARMY

N. C. Indies
Feb. 8 - '45

Dear Mother:

How is every thing going. I am alright.

No we don't hear any radio programmes. They have a little station here of some sorts, ~~#~~ but I think they only play transcribed programmes and you are lucky to hear one of those.

The mail seems to be coming in rather mixed up. I got one from you yesterday dated the 23 of Jan. and one today dated Jan 18. ha

The place where Warley is isn't exactly like this place. This is a "dumps" and films are hard to get here. I'll try to have a picture made soon. You know I never could for pictures, but if you want one I'll see what I can do.



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Does Dad think he will take up the blacksmith's trade for a living ha. I guess he must have got angry at John. huh?

How's all the folks? Is the weather still bad there? You seem to have had a cold winter. Did you have lots of coal?

I think they plan on having a V.S.O. show here tonight. It may be rained out as it's been raining practically all afternoon.

I guess that's about all for now. ~~Take~~ Take it easy and sling me the news. ha.

Tell 'em all hello.

By - Bill

How's Chak coming along?



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N.C.I.

Feb. 11 - 42

Sun.

Dear Mother:

How are things there?
I am o.k. My cold finally
got better. It wasn't such
a bad one this time.

We still have a bit of
rain here. The wind was
rather bad yesterday afternoon.
It stirred up some dust. The
beds and stuff were literally
covered with it.

I haven't received anything
but the watch so far. The
mail situation isn't so good
here. We didn't get any
mail today.

I finally got a letter
from Wayne. I guess he is
in the army by now. Did
Wayland go too?

I slept most of today. I
stayed up rather late last
night. I have been reading



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some magazines. We got some from the PX. They were rather old but I hadn't seen them.

How's all the folks? Did "podge" get alright? Is "Zeke" still with you?

We had a movie last night "Jane Eyre". I had seen it almost a year ago in Milne Bay. We get a lot of old ones here too. ha.

Is Dean just going to stay home or is she still planning on going to Fla.?

How's Dad making out with his Cattle? I don't hear any thing of "Little Bob". I suppose he is still "sputtering" around.

Glad to hear Sellers has recovered.

By far now.

Take it easy

- Bill

N.C.I.

Feb. 14 - '45

Hi Mother:

How are things going with you? I am pretty good. I hope every one at home is well. Did "Podge" recover?

I got the cigarett lighter and case yesterday. I thanks. I haven't got the other things yet. They will get here eventually I guess.

I guess Bobby really thinks he is a dog trainer, huh? He will have "Podge" house broken in no time ho.

Loney seems to have trouble with his wife. She acted sort of odd after her operation before.

I wonder how Bob will get along with Lawrence. I guess he is really hard to get along with now, but I guess he is happy as long as he has "Katy".

Maybe George Pickering doesn't think he will like the army. No. I guess Glenn and Mabe should have gone long ago by rights.

Marlyn said there was a lot of men back there that people would have nothing to do with. Will they want have nothing to talk about in my case at least. No. They did enough before I guess no.

I got a valentine from "Logie" recently and I got one

from Aunt Clyde a few days ago. Today I got two, Helen & Bobbys.

I guess H.R. is straining a gut trying to keep his offspring out of the army. I don't suppose you can blame him though I guess Wayne took it in stride.

The food seems to be improving. We are supposed to have fresh potatoes today.

All we have had so far have been dehydrated. We have had just a bit of fresh beef lately.

I guess we still to have a little while yet. We have things pretty good here Showers and such, the laundry does our clothes. Which is pretty nice. Things could be a lot worse. By - Bill



N.C.I.

Feb. 15-45

Dear Mother:

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I hope you are all feeling well. I am OK.

I don't know about Luther Wright seeing me. I know I didn't see him, and I don't see how that could have happened. He probably was shooting the bull a little huh?

I guess all Sellers wanted was gasoline. He didn't intend to haul anything. There is lots of "jerks" like him.

Some time ago I sent you some Jop invasion money. Did you get it. I have a genuine Jop Yen at the present time. I will send it if you got the others ok. I bought it from a Chinaman.

Bobby will be a "smart" fellow at the rate he is going in school. He really likes to go, huh?



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We had a bit of work to do today. We did a little and then it rained us out. We seem to get our share of it here. It isn't as bad as the New Guinea rains though.

Everything here is just as always. Same old grind. We have been getting things like peanuts, candy and magazines from the px. They seem to have acquired some soap also. I got some Lux tonight I was getting sort of short again.

I hope Dad is recovering from the "flu" alright. I suppose Dean is attempting to break "Rips" record. ha.

So much for this time. Let me know if you got the Jop money I sent.

Bye, Bill



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Maloccas

2/20/45

Hello Mather:

How are things going? I am alright.

Did Justice get off a little while? You wasn't sure in your last letter, so far he hadn't got his notice for the light.

The Goss Bros. seem to have had bad luck, with Charles and Pece both messed up.

I ~~surely~~ surely didn't write anything to you about drinking. If I should choose to drink I would be 5-short. There is nothing to drink here. We haven't had beer in two months. So I don't see any need in your worrying.

How's Gerald doing with his sleeping?



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I suppose Dad is still
working around, as usual. Did
his cold get better?

No doubt Bob has a time
with his dog. Helen really
misses him. I guess he
keeps so busy he hasn't
had time to miss her.

You really took long
enough to get your shower
curtain. You were talking of
getting one when I was
home. I guess they were
hard to get. huh?

There is not much
news, some old stuff. We
have a little rain about
everyday. The food is about
the same, not too bad.

Well so Long - Bill

I don't plan on being another
"Windy" Weema.



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Moluccas
Feb. 22 - '45

Hi Mother:

We have been having lots of rain, almost every day this month in fact.

Charlie seems to have got off rather easy. Do you suppose politics could have played any part? Most people get more than that for stealing.

I'm glad Justin's got off. I hope Norman or Lyman never have to go. If the war in Europe ends soon they probably will get off.

Old "Zeke" must have been in love with that 'Passum.

He is some "goof." Does Dad still cuss him as before? ho.

I guess farm labor is rather hard to get. Did George ever sell his farm? That seemed a rather good price for it.

I got six letters today. All from different ones.



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Helen said Marilyn was having Clark's friend do her hair. Is Clark very sick or can you tell about her?

The food hasn't been too bad for some time. I guess we get as good as anyone could expect here. We have been having fresh butter, eggs and beef lately. I don't know how long this will last. (crop)

Dad's tobacco seems to have done pretty good at that. No doubt he was glad to get those cigars. Has any of those things that were rationed come off the ration list yet? Are shoes any easier to get? (I don't need any, just asking)

I guess this is all. Hows "Gerald", Dad and Bobby? Tell 'em hello.

By - Bill

Maluccas
Feb. 28 - '45

Hello Mother;

How are things going?
I am pretty well.

Boy! have we been
having rain. It's rained
every day this month. It's
raining at the present.

I guess Wayne will
be (in) by the time
you get this. I don't
suppose Mays will
go.

How's Bob faring in
his fights? Helen sent
me his picture. He is
a cute little rascal.

It's about chow time.

The chow isn't too bad.
We had eggs for breakfast,
or rather I should say
egg. ho. We get lots of
fresh butter and a little
fresh ~~eggs~~ meats.

It looks as if I am
going to have to walk
in the rain, to chow.

My letters have been
arriving in "wads." One
day I got nine. I haven't
got any in two days. I
guess I'll get 4 or 5 when
they do get here. ho.

I hope you are all
ok. Did "Bob's" cold get
better?

Best of luck, By

The rain
stuck up for chow
J. Bill