

Morotai
Oct. 4-45

Dear Mother,

I'm doing o.k. Things seem to be going more or less smoothly here. Hope things are o.k. there.

I got a few letters yesterday and one from Helen today.

I hope Dean gets along o.k. on her trip. I guess she is going to be a Dr. whether or no. Hoh? That's a little to much school for me.

"I See Thing" Ross really got messed up. Hoh. G. V. Morrison has a lot of weeks it seems

He had one at Bob
Gott's before he came
in the army. He & Marlin
Holt seem bent on killing
themselves in a car.

Wayne is really getting
his fill of beane hot.

We had 'em for
breakfast on the ship
we come up here on.

The food here isn't
very good. We have
chicken pretty often.

There isn't much if
any supplies coming in
here, as all the American
troops are moving off.

We have another
month or so here.

As you say there
is no need of us
here but it takes a

long time to get the
troops moved. Combat
Troops get priority.

Boy! They are really
discharging 'em in the
states now. A million
lost month.

I'm not doing any
thing hardly now. Just
laying around afternoons
work about 2 hrs.

mornings. Not bad at
all if the food was
any good.

Well take it easy,
I hope you miss the
"flo."

How's Dad and Barge?
Is "Will" staying with
you while Malley's gone

Bye - Bill

Moatai
Oct 9 - '45

Dear Mather,

How are things going there? I am doing O.K. We have practically closed down here (only about two wards left open) and we have a very few patients.

About forty of the fellows leave for home in a day or so. There won't be too many left. Most of them have over 40 months overseas.

The mail doesn't come in very good yet. I don't suppose it will ever improve here. L

got five letters yesterday
but none today.

I have just been
listening to the World
Series a rebroad-cast.
The direct broadcast
would be heard here
around four o'clock in
the morning.

Has Wayne been
home yet? I haven't
heard from him in
some time.

Have you missed the
"flo"? I hope so. Most
of the renties seem to
have been down. Dad
wasn't much shaken as
a tobacco hand, huh?

His hands blister very
easily don't they. Help
should be getting plentiful

again soon.

I thought the school teacher had gotten away from the habit of taking the kids to revivals. I guess there wouldn't be anyone there hardly if it wasn't for the kids, daytime I mean.

No the box Helen sent has not arrived yet. There hasn't been any 2nd class mail in for quite some time.

I hope Dean is doing ok. Hope she isn't homesick.

Helen and the Jenkins seem to have had a slight mix-up. I guess it's over by now. Helen said she'd probably go

down home to stay so on.

Every one here is waiting around to go home it seems. If we don't go to Japan, I might get home around next spring otherwise I don't know.

I don't know as I need anything at the present. If I do need anything, I'll let you know when we get moved.

Best of everything
Tell the rest hello

Bye Bill

Maestai
Oct. Fri 12 - '45

Dear Mother,

Got a little mail today for a change. I am doing O.K. Hope you all are well.

The food is a little better now, fresh eggs, beef and oranges.

The place is almost closed down. There isn't much to do at present. I don't know when we will move.

I got the Church paper today but there wasn't any letter from Cross Archer.

I guess Wayne is home by now. I

haven't heard from him
in some time. Drew
is getting sort of a
raw deal if he comes
overseas now. He will
be in the army of
occupation for at least
two years or so they
say. If they pass
that 2 year service
~~law~~ law I have a
chance to get home.
otherwise I'm hooked.

Glad to hear Dean
has gotten settled. Hope
she gets along O.K.

Is Charlie Berger get
back. Rankin should
soon be in. How's
Marvin doing? That
Spider ain't worth
killing is he?

Howa Barger and the
Lone Ranger doing? I
bet he is really some
cowboy. Does he have
any fights at school?
Tell him to take it
easy and I'd sure
like to see him and
"Will".

I suppose ^{the} tobacco is
all in by now. All
you have to do now
is take it off, the
job I hated worse
of all. ha.

Weather is dry here
but it's cool enough
at nights.

Bye Bill

Marotai
Oct. 14 - '45.

Dear Mather & Dad,
& "Bot".

How is everyone? I'm alright, slept most of the day read a little and took things easy.

We had very good meals today, fresh potatoes, meat etc. We had ice cream for supper, the powdered kind but it's not too bad.

I got a letter from you today dated Oct. 3rd. It made pretty good time.

Mail isn't coming in any too good yet. I don't suppose it will until we leave this place.

Hope "Bob's" hand is
better. How is he doing
in school? He should
soon be able to read
those "funny books" for
himself.

How they got the
time straightened out
yet. Most of the people
used to keep in between
time, 11.30 when it was
12.00 C.S.T.

How's Dad and the
hay coming along. Hope
he does better with
his tob. crop this year
than last. I guess "The
Little Man" has about
retired. He had almost
when I was home.

How's Tom doing? I

guess "Katy" still shoots
a lot of ball s-t.

Don, Sarah, Juanita, etc
seem to be rather silly
I suppose some people
never learn.

If Butler is running
on central time, he
will be after dark
this winter. I wish
you could change routes.
no doubt you do to. ha.

You said "Curly" didn't
work any. I doubt if the
army would have changed
him. The Infantry might
have, if would take
the infantry to change
him though.

The movie tonight is
"Salome Where She Danced"

it's supposed to be very good.

How's Bvlah and her love affair doing, ha. Did she ever show that gaiter removed?

This is about all for now. I suppose Wayne and Carl have pulled some copies as well. I guess Carl is a pretty tough customer, Wayne is pretty close to him I guess.

I hope every thing is "honky dory" there. It won't be long 'till winter, huh?

Bye to all
Bill

Dear Mather,

Marotai
Oct. 16 - '45

I'm doing o.k. The weather has been cooler, we have had a rain or two. The food isn't so bad.

We will get our orders as to where we are going any day now. It will be some time yet before we move though.

I have wasn't any mail today. I heard from Dean yesterday. I was a little puzzled by her address. I wrote to ~~her~~ her, hope she gets it o.k.

How's the folks? Guess the work is about done. I suppose Charlie's are able to do the milking now. None of you have had the "flu" I hope.

How's Berger doing in school? Hope Dad is doing o.k. Hello to everyone and I hope you are well.

Don't know anything to write
Bye Bill
I'm still taking things easy.

Dear Mother,

Maratai
Oct. 22-'45

I'm doing O.K., just taking things easy most of the time. Hope things are going well there. How's Dodi cold doing. Berger doesn't care for sweeping the floor huh? ha. Can't say as I blame him.

How's Janie's eye doing? Hope she gets O.K. How's Charlie doing? I guess most of the work is done by now, soon be time for taking off tobacco. huh?

I got a letter from Dean today, she seems to be doing alright. She had sent her first letter by regular mail but it got here in good time. She was appologizing for sending it that way.

I thank for the 'Xmas present I'll get it around April if we move before I get it. We should do something by next month at least. Things seem to happen awfully slow.

Wayland seems to be a ladies
man ha. I hat Nellie seems to
be nutty as a fruit cake. How
Wayne + Carl pulled any capers
this time? ha. I heard from
Wayne yesterday, he had written
it when he was home. He said
he'd send me his address later.

I really got a gob of letters Sat.
Eight of em. I got three today.

A lot of the Nurses and
officers leave for the states
this week. I thing the men
with 70 points and over will
leave by the last of the month

I don't know when the rest
of us men with less than
70 points are going.

Don't worry about me, I'm
doing fine, the food is pretty
good, no work etc.

I'll get home eventually. ha.

Lum + Abner
broadcast a hill billy musical programme
mornings here, so I hear em to. ha.

Bye Bill

Dear Mother,

Marstai
Oct. 24 - '45

At the present time, we are having a little rain, things are going well, hope every thing is O.K. there.

I haven't had any mail in a couple of days. I should be able to catch up on my writing.

Did any of you all go to the circus? I never could much for them. How's Wayne doing and did he and Lyman see the circus?

They seem to be sort of swamped with work. I guess it all piles up at once. I'm not working much at present.

The Hospital is closing down. We have about 2 or 3 patients. They will probably get rid of them tomorrow.

The food is pretty good now. We had a sort of "honeydew melon" for supper. We have oranges now also fresh eggs and meat.

It's rather warm here tonight, even with the rain. I guess it's gettin' chilly there by now.

Go Samba seemed to be in the money when he came through ho. Leave it to him to show off huh?

I didn't think Canard & Edith would marry, wonder if this one will last for Edith. She is sort of silly in ways. ho.

Has Charley Barque married yet? Helen didn't seem to think his girl was much good.

I'm doing O.K., don't know when I'll get home. Maybe around late winter or early spring.

How did Barque enjoy his stay at the Barques? Hope you and Dad are O.K. Take it easy
Bye Bill

Dear Mother,

Maestai.
Oct. 28-'45

I'm doing O.K., been sleeping most of the day, just got up in time for lunch. We have had good Chow lately, eggs, meats, oranges, pears and melons.

How's every one there? I heard Dad and Ivan had a little beer. Marilyn and Helen mentioned it. How's Hope Berger is doing well in school?

How's Tom King doing now and is he bothered with the same old trouble.

Dobson seems to have gotten his discharge rather early. Does he have a kid or two? Maybe he was just lucky.

I had a letter from Dean today. She seems O.K. Said she might go to D.C. for the week end.

We are still just waiting around, doing nothing as usual. I'm feeling O.K. Hope things are going smoothly there.

Bye Bill

Dear Mother,

Maratai
Oct. 30-'45

I'm doing alright,
hope every one there is O.K.
We are still just waiting
around. The food is good
now oranges, pears, fresh
meat, eggs. The best we
have eaten since Australia.

I haven't had any mail
in a couple of days, haven't
written in a day or so
either, I'm a little behind
so I thought I'd better
catch up a "dot"

I guess H.C. and the
fellows are covered up with
work. Hope Dad is feeling
O.K. and taking care of
himself. How's Barge doing?
We had a pretty good

movie tonight, "The Picture
of Dorian Gray"; George
Sanders, How'd you seeen it.
It's sort of a gruesome thing.

How's Charles A. Harrison
doing and did he get his
job in Georgia. Ho.

There isn't much news
I don't know nothing. The
old men are still waiting
to go home. I don't know
when the rest of the outfit
will go. This is a sort
of an out of the way place.
The "Aussies" have taken
over control here.

I hope you are well, best
of everything

Bye - Bill