

Dear Mother,

Maratai  
Nov. 2-'45

It's raining here tonight and rather warm. The men with 70 points expect to leave by Sunday, an order came out today saying men with 60 points are eligible to go home.

I have only 51 so I'll be here for a "dab" yet.

I'm doing doing OK, hope you all are well. I suppose you have began working off the "barley", by now.

We are getting good food now. There isn't much work to do, there will be more when the men (70 points) leave. I think there are 50 some leaving. There hasn't been anything said as to when we will leave.

The revival is really hanging on, the people are hard to save I suppose so. They seem to have quite a fixed view over the new church, hope you get one.

You mentioned a lot of cats  
we had the same trouble with  
dogs. They must have killed  
6 or 7 already. Looks like there  
will be a dog shortage soon.

So John Brittain is in Tokyo  
hot. Hope I miss the trip.  
There is a chance that I may  
not have to go.

The mail situation is still  
pretty bad. I got two letters  
yesterday none today.

Bay! Is it hot tonight  
I'm really sweating. It's raining  
to. fanny weather, I guess

How's the work going and  
can you find "work hands"  
yet. I suppose its a little  
early for them to start  
working. hot?

I hope every one is O.K. I'm  
doing well

Shilo to all

Bye Bill

Dear Mather,

Morotai  
Nov. - 6 - '45

I'm doing pretty well, not doing much, the show is O.K., Movies are rather old. We were supposed to have Carol Flynn in "Objective Burma" but they had to rewind the film so I guess I'll see it tomorrow night.

How is everyone there, hope you are all well? How's Jane and Charley doing? You seem to be burned out with em I suppose they are a pain.

So Wanda Brown is big people, or thinks so. ha!

People such as she give me a laugh, its more silly than funny though. The Georges and others are like that.

How's the work progressing? Camp gathering seems to be behind schedule. I got a letter from Jim King he said he had been trying tobacco on his two day vacation from school.

People like Charley can't be  
happy unless they have an  
old car. Crazy but happy I  
guess. ha. Cars are really the  
ruin of some.

How's the new Church going  
or how they changed their  
minds again. The new seem  
to get together.

Rankin should be home  
soon. I guess he will get there  
by 'Xmas anyway. I should  
get home around the turn  
of the new year. by April  
at the latest or hope so  
at least. There isn't very  
much to do. Just waiting  
around it seems

How's Dad and Barge doing  
I haven't heard from Dean  
in a while, guess she is  
putty busy.

Bye Louie  
Bill

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Monetai  
Nov. 11-'45

Dear Mather,

I'm doing OK. just came back from the movie, an old one of Mickey Rooney + Judy Garland. All the movies we get now are old ones. The food is good now and has been for some time.

There isn't much to do. I'm taking things easy. We still have a few patients about 8 or 10. The 70 paint men left Sat. as have I mentioned this before. I guess us ~~the~~ 50 paint fellows will get back around New year's or early spring at least.

The mail doesn't come in very good. I got 7 letters yesterday but hadn't had any for a week. Got a letter from Dean. said she was going to spend her day off, sleeping. Said she had an exam coming up.

How's Bob doing as a cowboy now. I guess he was tickled silly over the suit. He doesn't like parties. How?

Yeah, I guess it's time for coal  
weather there now. Lyman said  
they had been working their lot.  
How's Dad doing still running I  
suppose? Lyman said W.O. wouldn't  
have any help in gathering his  
corn. I guess W.O. is a pest. Does  
he and Dad have any "spats"? ha.

I got a letter from Mays this  
week, hadn't heard from him in  
some time. Haven't heard from  
Wayne in quite a while. Don't  
suppose he was overjoyed because  
of his trip to Cuba. I suppose  
he will be in <sup>(the navy)</sup> for some time  
yet.

I sort of got promoted a "dob."  
ha. Well I guess this is all the  
news for now. Hope everyone is  
O.K. I'm doing alright.

Bye Bill

Dear Mother,

Marstai  
Nov. 14-45

How are things going? I am doing ok. Things are going along pretty much as usual.

I got three letters yesterday so this week got off to a pretty good start as far as mail is concerned. The food is still pretty good.

Some people say we will go to the Philippines from here around next month but you hear so many rumors you can't believe anything you hear. I do hope we leave this place. It's a forgotten place.

People seemed to have really celebrated Halloween this year. Glad Bobby got through it ok. How's he doing in school? There is nothing new here so I'll say good by as so long as what how you hope you Dad and "Bob" are well  
Bye Bill



Dear Mather,

Maestai  
Nov. 20 '45

How's things? I've been getting ready for an inspection tomorrow. sort of cleaning up things etc.

Guess we will be leaving here soon, 15<sup>th</sup> of Dec. I think for the Philippines. We always have these inspections before moving from a place.

Hope you and family are well. Hope Burgess cold is better. Helen said he really had Santa loaded down for Christmas. ha.

How's the new truck? Guess W.O. is overjoyed. The old one was pretty well worn down or should have been. Can you get tires very easily now?

Does Dad go to the movies very often or just to see Tom & Helen. The movies we get now aren't so good. The food is still pretty good, and the mail is coming in very good now.

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Wayland sent me a picture of himself and Jay's baby. He seems to have lost some weight, looks quite a bit like A.R. or don't you think so. Hope he gets O.K., said his legs were swelled.

I thought Dobson was getting home a little soon. He should have more paint than I, no more than 5 at least. I suppose Blondie's baby this time is as much Sambo's as the other one. ha. Is Sam or Marvin around there now or have they settled down yet?

Guess it's chilly there now. Aunt Anne said they had a big frost and some ice. I hear from her pretty often, she sends me the football clippings. She's quite a football fan.

I hope you, Dod, and Bob are well.

Bye - Bill

Dear Mather,

Marston  
Nov. 25-45

Really got a "wad" of letters today, nine in all. I'm doing O.K. every thing is O.K. here. nothing much to do.

How are things? Hope Burgess cold is better. I do he didn't think he could for Dr. ~~Ed~~ Coules visit.

I always dreaded 'em. Hartsell was short on clothes huh? I guess Drew Malone had the right idea on uniforms I don't expect to wear mine any longer than necessary.

That Irma Jo must be a character. She doesn't seem to lack for boy friends. I guess Carl is doing most of the courting as you said 'Boy' he is a mean, sort of goofy person. Wayne is quite a liar, he never mentions her to me but he

sort of a snuck.

Helen mentioned seeing Bob. Has he changed any at all still the same character. She said Charlie was OK. but he was never like Bob, more brains.

Have you had any hog's killed yet? Thanksgiving is usually killing time. Hope you had a nice Turkey day. We had a rather good meal. Turkey etc.

How's Dad and the farm going? Did you get the truck? Had a letter from Dean today. She seems to be having a little trouble with studies. Guess she will make 'em OK.

There isn't much news from here. been having dry weather rather hot.

We have been having inspections all week and another tomorrow.

(Hope you) Well take it easy  
are all well) Bye Bill  
Hello to everyone

Dear Mather

Manila  
Nov. 28-45

Hope you and the folks are well. I seem to be doing O.K. Looks ~~as if~~ as if we will leave here by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> a little sooner than I expected. We are going to the Philippines, as I have mentioned. I think our new location is near Manila.

I haven't had any mail in a couple of days. (Lights are going out, I'll finish tomorrow. Bye for tonight)

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Seem to have missed a day or so. huh? I haven't received any mail in a day or so. We get mail about every 3 days.

We had a rain today or shower rather, the air is sort of cool now. Just come from the Movie, Joan Leslie pretty good picture for a change. I saw Daffie Tavern a few nights ago. I really liked it.

They are getting things ready to move. I don't know the exact date but we will leave here very soon, I think.

How are things going there? Hope every one is well. I'm doing OK. The food has been pretty good. I've been reading a bit there is nothing to do here except read or sleep.

Cold weather seems to be late this year back there.

I guess they will begin selling tobacco soon huh?

Hope it sells good. How's the Clath's situation there? Most of the fellows I've talked to have grown and the clothes they had before coming into the army won't fit 'em now.

I won't have that trouble except I'll wear half a size larger shoe. I wear a nine now. I haven't gained any weight guess I'll always be skinny. I'm sort of short on hair now. In fact there's hardly any left.

Well by far now - Bill

Dear Mather,

Marotai  
Dec. 3-45

Still here, Don't know when we will sometime this month I think, probably this week, maybe next, don't know any thing yet.

Got a letter from Helen today said they had a little snow. The rainy season has started here now. It's been raining all day, water every where.

I'm doing O.K. not doing much. Hope you and folks are O.K. and not working too hard. The food is still good, got enough cigarets etc. so I guess I've got no kicks.

Hope you have recovered from your dig in the garden. Hows Berger doing in school? He will soon get a Xmas vacation. Guess He can hardly wait for Santa. Is he a very good football player?

Dean told me she was having a bit of trouble with her studies. Maybe she has had enough school. I got a letter from Mays the other day. said Charlie Dick

and Emma told him off, something  
about the Christian Endeavor. ha.

I suppose Sellers is terribly  
busy as a truck driver now. huh?  
Did Dad ever get a new tractor  
plow, or can you get 'em? That  
other one or the one we now  
have is terribly hard to handle.

Mail comes in about three  
times a week, not to bad I  
guess. Had a letter from one  
of the boys from here who  
went to Philippines. Said  
the situation there was rather  
rough.

Can't think of any thing to  
write. Hope things are going  
well with you. Have they  
started playing basketball there  
yet or do you go to the  
games any more?

Will best of luck  
Tell Dad + B of hello and  
stuff.  
Bye - Bill



Marctai  
Dec. 9-'45

Dear Mother,

Hope you are doing o.k. I'm well, had a "Flu" shot last week and it was really rough I didn't sleep until 3 and 4 o'clock. Ached all over. I believe I'd rather have the "Flu" ha. I'm doing o.k. now.

I don't know when we are going to move. We were supposed to move last week but had our ideas changed. Maybe we will get away from here sometime.

I got the package Helen sent Thursday. It was in good shape.

I'm not doing much now. We are just waiting to move. The Nurses left Sat.

I hear they may drop the points in Jan. to 50. if they do that I may get started home in a month or so but don't count on it. You can never tell about the army.

How's Dean doing? I haven't heard from her in a week or so. Wayne hasn't written in some time either. Mays writes pretty often. Hope you, Bob, and Dad are well. Guess Bob is anxious for Christmas.

It is pretty warm here tonight we aren't having as much as rain now as usually falls this time of year I wouldn't mind if it stayed dry until we leave.

It's getting late and I can't think of anything. We don't get any new movies now. This place has been forgotten it seems. The food is still pretty good.

Will take it easy. Have you had any snow yet or have they been "blue ones"?

Bye Bill

Tell the folks  
Hello...

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**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Mountain  
Dec. 16-'45

Dear Mather,

Another day, and we are still here. Don't know how much longer, some say until after Christmas.

The fifty five paint men leave here tomorrow. We are next on the list if they still go by points.

I got my first Christmas Card today from you, Dad & Bob. I didn't send any this year as I couldn't get hold of any that was any good at all. Some of the fellows made a few but soon ran out of them.

We had another Old movie tonight. A Hedy Lamar picture that I had seen months ago.

Dad should be at home by the time you get this. Hope you have a nice Christmas. I bet Bob wants a lot of stuff. ha.

I've been getting mail very  
often of late, in fact I'm  
quite a few letters behind. I  
heard from Wayne, he said  
he expected to leave around  
'Xmas.

Hope everything is going  
good there and that you, Dad  
& Bob are well. I'm doing  
OK. With nothing to do it's  
monotonous, but I read, sleep  
and just take it easy in  
general.

Has Vla found a place to  
stay yet? ha. Charlie Vicars  
seems to have got off light  
enough.

I guess you have had some  
cold weather by now. One  
of the boys here (from ~~Ma-~~  
~~phystara, Tenn.~~) Murfreesboro,  
Tenn.) said he heard that they  
had snow there. Hope it hasn't  
been too cold.

Well Bye for now.

J. Bill King

I still hope to get home by  
spring. Bye.

Moratai  
Dec. 20 - '45

Dear Mather,

How are things going? I'm doing o.k. Didn't get any mail today but it has been coming in good for the last month.

We or (I rather) don't have any idea when we are going to move. I've heard that the points are being lowered to 50 by Jan. 1st. I hope that is true. If so, may get started home by Feb. Transportation has been very slow in this part of the country.

Hope you have a nice Xmas. Maybe I should have said god as it will be past by the time you get this. The Christmas packages should begin coming in soon. haven't heard of anyone getting any yet.

Things here are about as usual nothing to do, no good movies and few of any kind. Luckily, I have had a few books to read and the time passes well enough, if I have some reading material.

Hope Dodé's Asthama isn't too bad.  
Guess Bauger is enjoying his  
vacation. Dean should be there  
by now, if so tell he "howdy"  
[Ambrose - ho]. Hope you are well.

Got a letter from A'Anne the  
some day I got yours telling me  
Rankin was home. Can't see  
why he "rides" Glennon. I surely  
never expected Glennon to go to  
the army. Maybe Rankin was  
kidding but that is hardly  
a kidding matter. Glad to  
hear Hopkin feels "sheepish". I'll  
never have any use for him.

The farm work seems to be  
messed up. Maybe help will be  
available by spring at least. I  
hope things are back to normal  
when I get back. I don't expect  
I'll be any better worker than  
when I left. You said the army  
would change me, so far I  
haven't noticed any. I still don't  
care for work. Ha.

How's Vla doing in his  
quest for living quarters? Perhaps  
he should have considered the housing  
shortage before marrying. Huh? I



Is Charlie Walker is dead? I  
liked Charlie very well, worked  
with him measuring tobacco.  
Can't say as I care for George  
though, ha. Lots of people  
have died since I've been away, it  
seems.

I think that was a good idea  
having the cars & trucks insured.  
They seem to have quit a bit  
of hauling to do with tobacco  
lime & stuff. Do they still  
haul hay to Basis?

I guess this is all for now.  
I have more letters to answer.  
Helen, Wayland, A' A me, and I  
think I'll write to Uncle Tom  
& Bob, haven't written to them  
in some time.

Merry Christmas etc.

Bye, Bill

Tell Dad, Bob & Dean Hello