

Meluccas

Apr. 5 - 45

Dear Mather.

How are you and the rest?
I am ok. You really go in
for Watkins Liniment huh? ha.

We have been having some
pretty weather here too. (for a change)
I hope the fruit doesn't get
billed off as you were afraid it
would. We had some fresh
apples + Oranges this week. The
first since we arrived here.

I suppose the farm work
is in "high gear" now. Norm
said he had been sowing
grass seed and was a little
sore. ha.

I hope Maudie is still
improving. I don't suppose
you hear from them
very often.

Yeah! my birthday is
nearly here. I was wondering
the other night about Dads age.
I had it figured right but wasn't
exactly sure. I guess he still
looks as young as any of the
Bros.

They say Justis is homesick.
Most of 'em get that way. I
didn't, until after I came home
in Nov. '43. I was sort of
homesick in Calif. then. I
guess they all get that way
once in a while.

I hope everything is going
alright. Take care of yourself.
Best of luck
By. Bill

Tell 'em all hello.

Tell Dean I am sort of
behind and will write
him soon.
By again J. Gell King

Meluccas
Apr. 7 - '45

Dear Mother,

I am pretty well. I hope everyone at home is well.

I got your birthday card today and a letter from Ed Miller. He sent Helen and Vannie's pictures. They have really grown some.

How did Dew make out with the army? I still haven't heard from Wayne yet.

I was sorry to hear about Elijah. It seems as if a lot of the boys around there are getting "popped off".

It is rather dry here

now and dusty. The sun dries things up pretty fast. I believe I like rainy weather better.

I saw in the paper today, when Russia had broken with Japan. If things go right now, it could be over a lot sooner than expected. I don't expect this will lead to a Jap, Russo war though. Not for some time anyway.

I hope your stomach trouble is better by now.

How's Dad, Dean & Rabbit?

The only thing wrong with me at present is "athletes feet". ha. I can't seem to get rid of it for good. It goes and comes.

By, Bill



UNITED STATES ARMY

Melucci

4 - 11 - '45

Dear Mother,

I'm OK. My leg is a little sore, I kicked a football yesterday and strained a muscle. Nothing much, I used to get 'em playing baseball at home.

The food has been pretty good. We had fresh potatoes and they were really good after those dehydrated ones. We have oranges also.

I haven't heard from Wayne yet. I don't know what's wrong. I guess the work does go hard with him. He never did to much of it.

I hope you are alright. How's Dad and Bob? I suppose he has forgotten about the pony.

Thanks for the ring. I haven't received it yet. I'll let you know as soon as I do.



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Sorry to hear you were short on sugar. The only time I eat sugar is with cereal and I seldom eat cereal. Oh yes! we have syrup pretty often. I guess that's sugar. ha.

Elmer ^{light} must have had F.B. for years. He was never very healthy. That was bad about Elijah. He really hated the army to start with. I guess Sherman was right.

Dean said you went to the shower. No doubt it was a big "Blowout". ha.

How did Sams cattle turn out. Boy how the "Bangs" taken their toll.

I got to write Helen tonight and I have run out of anything to say anyway

I hope you all are well

Bye Bill



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Apr. 13 - '45

Hi Mother,

I am doing OK. Hope everyone at home is well. We had a little rain last night and for a while it blew in on my bed. Every thing was OK when it was ready to turn in.

I got a letter from Wayne today, the first. He said he was really having to work.

We heard today about the President. I was sort of shocked. I hope Truman can do as well. I think he will do a good job at least.

Helen was worried that these saxes "Bob" had would leave scared, I hope not. How is he?

I got a letter from Bobby Gene today. I got (9) nine letters, all from different ones.



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I guess Drew won't be around for the housebuilding long. huh? He never seems to make up his mind to what he is going to do. I guess "Sammy" will help him make it up from now on. ha.

I am not working too hard, although we have been doing quiet a bit lately. I like the work I am doing now. I didn't care for the wards. I dig holes for little houses (in back) ha. (You know W.P.A. style) ha. Some job huh? Well someone has to do it and I prefer it to Wards. The work is out in the open at least.

I hope you are all well.
Bye Bill

P.S. I got a lot more letters to write.



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Apr. 18 - '45

Hi Mother.

Well I'm one year older,
can't see any difference yet ha.

I hope the cold weather
didn't kill the fruit.

Do you think Lyman
can get off again? Jim. F.
King said, Lyman was
going to take a Southern
vacation trip soon. That is
what Norman called his
journey. Some vacation trip.

I guess Wayne doesn't care
especially for beans for
breakfast. He will learn
to eat what he can get.

We had ice cream tonight
It's kind of icy, watery stuff.
a powder mixed with water
but some of it's pretty good.

I got a letter from
Aunt Dues. She said Joe
didn't like school. Joe is
a character anyway.



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How's Dad and "the boys" doing
with the farming? So "Little
Bob" has run down completely
hot?

Boy I really got a "got" of
letters the other day. I am
still behind. I haven't written
any letters in it or 2 days.
Maybe I'll catch up sometime.

Bob should be getting
out for a summer vacation
from school along about
now. No doubt he will
enjoy the change.

I am doing OK. My leg
is better and everything is
going smoothly at present.

I hope you all are well

Did I tell you? I got a
letter from Bobby Jean
Goss. He had written it
himself.

Bye, good luck
Bill



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Moluccas
Apr. 25 - '45

Hi "Mom".

I hope every one is OK. I have a cold, it seems to be on the mend. My appetite is OK. The food isn't so good though.

The people around there don't seem to be doing so good. Dan and "Bushell", I mean. I guess that will really hurt Dan.

How is Helen doing? I guess she is pretty nervous. I guess "Bob's" glad he is out of school. Helen says "Will" Jenkins visits a lot. Ha.

Every one here expects Germany to fall at any moment. I hope they are right. I expect them to carry on guerrilla warfare as long as possible though. If they do it will take 'em



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longer to get ready for the next one.

I haven't recieved the present yet. I'll let you know as soon as I do. It takes packages some little time to get here.

Putty good movie tonight "Enter Arsene Lupin", I liked it very much. We had a color cartoon. The first one I rem. seeing overseas.

I hope the farm work is going well. Won't be long until tot. settin' time huh?

We are having a bit of dry weather. Today was rather pleasant, not to hot.

I am doing OK except for the cold. Sorry for not writing sooner.

Bye Bill



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Apr. 28-45

Dear Mother,

I am pretty well, still have a slight cold. I hope you and family are ok.

We are having rather hot weather now. The ground is pretty dry.

The mail hasn't been coming in very good. We have been getting it about every three days. I haven't received the ring yet. I'll let you know as soon as I do.

I was sorry to hear about Uncle Joe. I guess that will go pretty hard on Aunt Anne, with Rankin gone. I knew he hadn't been well, as I hear from Anne pretty often.

How is Berger doing since school is out? How



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said he really had fun
chasing his calves.

So Gene and Helen can't
make a go of things. Helen
seems to be like Clark in
her not staying home.

Yeh! Jay seems to be
doing his part. (a second
Curley).

We are having a little
better food now. Potatoes,
beef and eggs, good for a
change.

Not much news, same
old stuff. The war in
Europe should be over soon
if ever. It's got to end
some day (I guess.)

Is Helen home now?
She said she was putting
work.

Bye Bill