

Dear Mather.

Maluccas  
May-3-'45

I hope things are going well at home. I am OK. My cold is better, the food has improved and things seem to be going OK, except for mail. There wasn't any today and very little for the last three days. I still haven't gotten the ring. It should get here any day now.

The movie tonight wasn't very good. I don't even know the name of it, as I didn't stay for it. They had a very good V.I.O. show last night.

How is Bob doing since he started his vacation? I guess he and Dean have some times. Does he let her sleep during the day?

I got a letter from Wayne. He seems to be having troubles. His training couldn't be any tougher than I had, but he is just a kid yet. How did Lyman make out?

Everyone is expecting it to be over <sup>in Europe</sup> any hour now and I don't see why not.

There isn't much to write, as usual. Things are pretty much the same. Its still dry here and pretty warm during the day. I guess you are having pretty weather there now.

Tell the folks hello and I hope everyone is alright.

How is Dad and the renters getting on. Has he gotten over his angry spell with Base. Ha

Bye Bill



UNITED STATES ARMY

Maluccas  
5-6-'45

Dear Mather,

I am ok., My cold is better and except for some rather warm weather everything is going smoothly.

I was sorry to hear about Lyman having the spot on his lung. I knew he had the other.

How come Avon is taking an so? I haven't seen anyone yet who liked the army, I suppose he thinks he is better than the rest.

I hope "Son" Gass gets to come home. Maybe they will take "Hoppis" then.

Wayne must really be a big body. I don't see why he writes home about being homesick. That only makes Aunt Peggy wavy. She can't help him.





UNITED STATES ARMY

Mothers have enough worries as it is. I hope you aren't worrying about me. There is no need to. Every thing is pretty good here. Cigarettes at present, are plentiful. The food isn't good but at least we have enough to eat.

Bob and Dodge will really have some time since he is out of school, I guess. So Dodge doesn't like being a cow, ha.

How is Gerald doing? Sleeping no doubt. That is about all there is to do here. The last movies are so have been pretty good though.

I hope you and the family are ok. Tell 'em hello and stuff.

P.S. No ring yet. Bye. Bill



UNITED STATES ARMY

Moluccas  
May-15-45

Dear Mother,

I am getting along o.k. The food is improving. We had flat dogs and pork links for lunch and steak for supper, dinner or what have you.

I got a letter from Joe Miller. He said Edd was stationed in Arkansas. I got a letter from J.C. Wyatt yesterday, he's in Germany or was.

How's Way land and Norman's romances coming along. Yeh! I know Way land's girl.

If things work right, I may be able to send you some pictures soon. I haven't had them taken yet but things look good at present. A friend of mine has some film and we plan to take pictures the first chance we get. Don't expect them to soon though.



UNITED STATES ARMY

How's Dad doing? I hope the weather has settled down so you can farm.

I guess Jay will soon be on his way to camp. Bay: He has done a lot of worrying. He worried when I was home. Hoppie is the only person I would like to see go. It is about time Haskell left the states, don't you think.

Things should step up a little over here soon. I expect we will stay here for some time yet. This place isn't too bad, even though it is rather hot and dry.

Best of luck, I hope you and the folks are well.  
Bye and stuff

Bill,





UNITED STATES ARMY

May - 20 - 45

Dear Mother,

I am getting along alright. I hope you all are well.

We had a good dinner last night. The outfit celebrated 3 yrs. overseas. We had Turkey, etc. ice cream and fruit cake, pretty good.

I got a pair of shoes and a pair of pants. I needed them both. The pants were long enough for a change ha.

I guess Wayne will really like to get home. He has been in about three months hasn't he?

Every camp anyone is in seems to be the A-H. of the universe, or so everyone says. You said Drew might change his mind, well I haven't seen any worse place than Texas. Ha.

The war in the pacific will last just a while yet I'm afraid.



UNITED STATES ARMY

"Vle" seems to be like "the old yellow cat" ha. I guess you are glad to be rid of him.

Has Bob been working the garden any more. ha. I guess he is really a great farmer.

I haven't got the ring yet. It should be getting here soon.

What did Madge Brown die from? There has been a lot of 'em dropped off since I left.

How is Dan Malone doing now? Did he lose any money. Some said he kept his money in the house.

I hear from Mays pretty often. He doesn't say anything about his girl friends.

I guess this is all for now.

Bye Bill





UNITED STATES ARMY

Melocan  
May - 23 - 45

Dear Mother

Every thing is ok. here. My cold is gone. The food isn't to bad here at present.

I got the ring today. Looks pretty good. What is the initial J.K. or what? That is what it looks like to me.

J.T. Wiems seems to have had things pretty rough. He was always around "Wit's" garage, that's the reason he knew me so well. He is a pretty ~~intelligent~~ intelligent kid.

Dean seemed to have done ok. in school. I guess she knows what game on alright. Boy, she has done enough reading.

Its not as dry here as it was in home had two or three good rains recently. It dries of fast though.



UNITED STATES ARMY

You know, I think Norman might get married at that. You can't tell about things like that. He must do a lot of courting, he doesn't write very often now.

How's Wayne doing? He hardly ever writes. He should be home for a visit soon.

John + Archie didn't waste any time in seeing their offspring. ha.

No the work here isn't hard. The work comes in "spells". We work pretty hard for a while then get to slack off when we get caught up. We are doing a bit of repairing at present.

How's the folks? When does Dean leave for school? I guess Dad is farming a lot now.

J.H.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Maluccas  
May - 31 - '45

Dear Mother,

I am getting along OK. I guess I've sort of gotten lazy about writing. I hope everyone there is OK.

Helen sent me a picture of Bobby's calves. They looked pretty good. She also sent a picture of herself and Hazel.

I got a letter from Wayne today mailed March 10th. He had sent it free, it takes forever for them to get here.

I guess he really enjoyed his vacation. Boy! was he home sick. Was he there for the Decoration?

The food has been pretty good. We have fresh eggs for breakfast as so they say. We had them three times last week, all in all the food isn't too bad.

Helen sent me some Rocha song books etc. The music pretty good.





UNITED STATES ARMY

The box of candy I got recently was terribly smashed. I don't know who sent it. Did you?

When does Dean start to school? I've said Mary was expecting Dean to drop in on ~~his~~ way to school.

How did Fatty fair on her trip? No doubt "Spides" is still in the states.

How's the farm work doing? Are the cattle still testing out or do they still test?

That is about all I know to write. Is Lyman still doing O.K.?

I got a letter from Mays. He was telling me of his girls. He sent a Bailyton graduation program.

I hope every thing is going well, and Dean is getting enough sleep. ha.

Bye, good Luck  
Bill



UNITED STATES ARMY

Moluccas  
June 8 - '45

Dear Mother,

I am doing alright. I hope everyone is OK. at home. Did Pudge recover from the shaving episode. ha.

We had a Bette Davis movie tonight, so I didn't stay to see it.

I've gotten behind with my writing again. I always seem to do that.

We are having rather dreary cloudy weather, not much rain though.

The food isn't too bad still pretty much the same. We have fresh eggs, pretty often.

I got a letter from J.C. Watts today. He thinks he won't have to come over here but I guess he will.

I guess ~~the~~ I will have some pictures taken next week.



UNITED STATES ARMY

I had a letter from Lyman he was telling me about his X-rays. He seems to feel better now.

How's Dad and his boys getting on? Charley seems to be a first class farmer. ha. The farmers there seem to be a bunch of jokes.

I guess Bob really had a time when Wayne was there. I guess Wayne had himself a time. He must have to have lost his dog toys. ha.

I was sorry to hear about Robert Greenlee. A lot of the boys seem to be missing out.

I'll try to write more later. I think I owe Dean a letter. Tell her I'll write soon. Hello to all of 'em

By now  
Bill King





UNITED STATES ARMY

Moluccas  
JUNE 14-45

Dear Mother,

I'm doing ok. Hope everyone is ok. there.

We are having wet weather here now. The place is sort of muddy.

I don't see why "Bob" is afraid. Wayne was like that when he was small though. I wonder if he has gotten over it by now.

I haven't had the picture taken yet. We are sort of busy at present, putting up new tents and moving into them. I'll have 'em made soon.

I suppose there is still a few jobs open, even with the plants closing. They are still hallowing about the labor shortage. How is "Josh" & "Wit" doing?

Yeah the war will last a long time yet, I'm afraid. I saw where some General or Admail said it would last 2 yrs.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Howe Uncle Bob & Tom doing  
now? Do they still have Barbara.  
Has "Spidee" gone over seas yet?  
I dont think he will ever go.

I haven't heard from Wayne  
in some time. I guess he doesn't  
like writing or something.

The mail is sort of slow. I  
haven't had a letter in three  
days, maybe tomorrow.

Howe Dad, Dean and Bob?  
I haven't been hearing much  
about W.O. How's he doing?

We haven't had a movie in  
three or four days. "George"  
was on mon. night but the  
machine broke down and I  
didn't get to see him. They  
had another V.I.P. play, but  
as I don't like plays, naturally  
I didn't go.

Take it easy, I hope you  
are well.

Bye Bill



UNITED STATES ARMY

Mollocas  
June - 21 - '45

Dear Mother,

I am doing pretty well. I hope you and the folks are ok. How is Dodi's cold?

We are having a lot of rain now. It has been raining all day. We got a little wet when we moved tents, in fact our new tent fell down in the rain. ha. Things were a bit damp then. We have things pretty well under control now.

So Marion Gads doesn't care for the hogs. Renters are pretty shrewd in affairs like that. "Little Bob" used to always say the hogs were out so we would move them ha. jobers.

I'm still working on the same job. (Taking care of them little out back houses ha. Good job huh? I like it better than Wards.





UNITED STATES ARMY

There seems to be a lot of hirs arriving around there. Etha. didn't lose any time huh? How did Genevieve make out?

How did Bob do with the sheep? No doubt he liked the work. We have been having sheep for dinner very often here of late. I guess its better than nothing but I still don't like it.

Sellew seems to be quit a farmer. Maybe he is growing weeds instead of corn. Marley usually had his like that ha.

I had the pictures taken they haven't been developed yet. So I don't know how they are yet.

It took me a little while to get straightened out after moving into a new tent and as usual I didn't write, sorry for being late. Best of luck!  
Bye - Bill



UNITED STATES ARMY

Maluccas

JUNE - 25 - 45

Dear Mother,

I am doing OK. Hope everyone at home is well. Hows Dodi's Cold?

Glad to hear they are getting the farm work under control. Hows Charles' corn? ha. That is a little more tobacco than usual isn't it?

That seems to have been quiet a little storm, calls for lots of roof repair it seems.

Yeah. That corn, log arrangement seems to be better. Corn hauling is pretty much like work.

Hows Bob making out with his cigars ha? Did he ever fill the box? Yes we get plenty of cigarettes now and a few cigars now and then.

I guess Glenn will make the army a good man. Are they still drifting 'em pretty heavy?



UNITED STATES ARMY

I haven't heard from Justin yet. Maybe he wrote a "free" one again, ha. Bobby Gene wrote to me again. I got the letter Friday I think.

We have been having Movies for three nights in a row now. We had King Kong sat night, ha. You know the one that scared me so when I was small, ha. The movies new ones I mean, don't seem to be any good now, or maybe its me.

Its getting sort of dark and I dont have any lights, we moved to a new tent. They are putting in electric lights but havent got 'em ready yet.

So I'll write more next time

I hope everyone is OK.  
Hello to everyone.

Bye Bill





UNITED STATES ARMY

Moluccas  
June -28-45

Dear Mother,

I am OK., a little tired at present as I have just finished digging a hole. ha.

I just now got your letter of June 20<sup>th</sup>, patty swift.

I keep getting behind with my writing, maybe I'll catch up eventually.

I don't care for the "son", its always so late getting here. I will leave the Church, service flag, business up to you. I don't want any thing to do with it.

If you want it its OK. Its yours to do what you wish.

Its not so rainy now as it was. It rained last night but is hot today. I'm about to get the tent situation straightened out after so long a time. ha.

We had a Sonya Henie Movie last night. pretty fair "Chewing gum" remember. ha.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Wayne seems to get home a little more often than I did ha. How did the Justice's clan picnic turn out?

How's Dean's foot? I hope she is doing ok. speaking of feet, I got my other pair of shoes yesterday, so I'm getting pretty well fixed up.

You said Bob liked to follow Dad around. I remember what a time I had trying to keep up with him. ha.

It's getting close lunch time. It's probably no good. Most of the food is canned stuff. We had "aussie" baloney yesterday it's not as good as ours, it's course ground stuff.

We have fresh stuff pretty often. I guess I can't kick!

I hope everyone is well!

Best of Luck

Bye Bill