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Maluccas
July - 2 - '45

Dear Mother,

How are things going? I am
o.k. I hope Dean's foot is
better.

It's raining today, started
last night and is still at it.
Yesterday was sorta hot though.

I suppose Mikey will be
moving into his new house
shortly. From your description
it seems to be rather nice.

Glad to hear Ray got his
pension. He deserves one. I
guess he will never settle
in one place. He has
moved around more than
anyone I know.

Sorry to hear about "Hass"
I hope he is recovering alright
Losing a foot is no joke. I
always liked "Hass".

I guess Jay is very
unhappy now. Maybe he will
like army life. Ha. Who did



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Homer Ray many?

Has Charley got the weeds under control yet? Who drives the tractor now? I suppose Bryan is, as usual. That's no play job, especially cutting wheat.

Wayland said 150 left for camp. They must have cleaned the bin to have gotten that many. He said it was James Wyble's fifth trip. No doubt "Hoppis" is still there.

Everything here is about as usual. I'm doing alright. How did Wayne fare on this trip, or did he take things more easy? I haven't heard from him yet.

I haven't gotten the pictures back yet. Maybe sometime. How's Dad, Bob and Dean? I hope they are OK.

Bye - Bill



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Malvee as
July - 7 - '45

Dear Mather,

How are things there? I am doing O.K. It's still raining here.

I got a letter from Wayne today. Came in eight days, a little faster than last time ha. Tell me he is 6²/₂, he is tall as I am.

Tom Henderson is doing O.K. by himself if he gets out in August. Glad to hear Gale Mays got along O.K.

Did Billy come down if so how is Dean making out. I bet they drove her nuts. ha

Who is thrashing now that "Boss" is "knocked out"? How is Dad doing as a "brian cutter" I don't think I'd like the job.

Has Marion Gaddis ~~calmed~~ calmed down over Hobe? He seems to think he is being "picked on" and it looks that way but other people have had their to go.



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What seems to be the matter with D. Maude or is it the same old trouble? She doesn't seem to be doing any good.

Yeah. Lyman told me he would have to go in six mths. I guess they will keep "Narm" this time.

No doubt if I was married (like you say) and had 4 kids I could come home, but if I was like that I don't think I'd want to come home, ha.

It wasn't Jay's fault that he needed one more kid, I guess. He and Curly really believe in increasing the population ha.

I Hope everyone is well

Bye - Bill

P.S. Don't send the "Son".



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July - 11 - '45

Dear Mother,

I am doing O.K. I hope you all are well.

I got two letters from you today, both post marked July-3 and had been written on Son., that was a very fast trip. I got a "job" of papers today also.

You seem to have had quite a job of your canning. I guess the lack of sugar makes things sort of tough.

So you think Etta married a little late. ha. people do such things it seems. She was quite a character.

How's "Pudge" standing up under "Bob's" rough treatment. I guess Dean doesn't play with him as much as Pudge.

Earl and "Peanut" will be good ones to do the Threshing. "Hois" could never depend on "Peanut" before. I hope things go O.K.



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About those pictures. They have been sent to Australia and it takes some time for them to return. I'll send em soon as possible.

No I don't think Wayne will make it over here, if he did we probably wouldn't see each other.

You said Bobby had been invited to Sandra Young's party. Who is she?

ha. Eddie Malone must really have gotten himself excited over seeing "Howk".

We had a V.S.O. show tonight I didn't care for it. I haven't ~~had~~ seen a good one in a long time.

I hope things are going smoothly for you

Bye - Bill

I got a Parker 51. at the PX.
Writes pretty good.



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Moluccas

July - 14 - '45

Dear Mother,

I am getting along ok. hope all of you are well. The pictures were good. Those I had taken should get here soon. I'll send them as soon as I get 'em.

I suppose quiet a few of the boys are home. Wayland said John Brittan was home and you said Cleouts was. Has "Red," or Hugh come home yet?

You seem to have trouble keeping pastors. I guess they cant put up with those old choctaw, Bot Brown C.D.K. etc. ha. They seem to be more or less a bunch of pinchpennys., ha.

So "old Jase" is having troubles. I thought that marriage was sort of a mistake. I guess every one cant be perfect though.

That was bad about Aunt Bert She has had a lot of difficulties it seems. I dont suppose



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her hip will ever heal.

So "Bob" dont like being the "Grit" boy. ha. I guess he is some "Bot".

How's Dad doing? I suppose he is busy as always. Do they sell any cattle now or has the "bange" depleted the herd to much for that?

How's the meat shortage improved any of late? Rationing is still in full sway no doubt, I guess shoes are scarce as hens teeth. I have two pair now, one 9½ A. & the other 9 A. They seem to fit OK. I got an extra pair of Kaki pants and shirt. The pants are 32-35 about 4 in. to big around. I'll have to have 'em taken up.

Well so much for this. I hope everyone is ok. and hello to all.

I'm a slight cold. It seems to be getting better. Bye Bill,



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Malacca
July - 17 - 45
Tue. night

Dear Mother,

Things here are pretty much the same. My cold is improving, a lot of the fellows here have colds. I hope everyone there is alright.

I didn't even know there was to be an eclipse, probably couldn't see it here anyway.

So Cleantis is really celebrating his furlough, I don't suppose you could blame him.

Alex Rader was lucky in not having to go overseas.

Jay Weems is in a pretty good branch, even that gets rough at times. How's Drew doing?

The shows (Movies) haven't been any good lately, or at least I don't care for 'em

I can't think of anything so I'll close. Hope you and the folks are well. Bye - Bill

The food isn't too bad.



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Melrose
July - 19 - 45

Dear Mother

Hope every thing is going well with you. I am o.k., still have a slight cold but its coming along o.k.

Its rather hot today, cloudy, as usual, no rain so far.

I got four letters today, you, Helen, Bob G. Gass and Dean. I got letters from Marilyn and Clark yesterday that I haven't answered. Little behind huh?

Jay must be a bigger baby than I thought. He surely isn't crying. ha.

Dad seems to be doing all the farming around there. Lyman told me some time ago that W.O. wasn't any good anymore. I guess they all get that way sooner or later.



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How is "old Cowboy" Berger?
He is a "poultry raiser" now huh?
Tell him hello and not to
"shoot 'em up" to much, ho.

You said "Dopey" Crowley
married a nurse. Where is
Dopey now? Yeah, I guess
a lot of soldiers are coming
home now.

Everyone seems to think
the war will end soon over
here. I hope so, but I don't
exactly agree with them. It's
just possible though.

We get plenty of cigarettes,
the food isn't too bad and
movies galore, most of 'em
bad. We have a V.S.O. show
tonight, the ones of late
haven't been so good.

Still no pictures.

Bye and good luck
- Bill



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July-25-'45

Dear Mother,

I am doing alright, my cold is better or almost. I hope you all are OK.

Got a letter from Wayne today also Carl Gans and Helen. Mail is coming in fairly good now.

Well here is those long awaited pictures. I have no comment's to make. I'm sending the negatives of two of them.

How is Bob and the short trousers? I don't suppose he has worn them any more, not if he could help it at least.

How did the truck deal turn out? They seem to be going into the transportation business rather heavy. huh?

Hope Aunt Bert is doing OK. Yeah, I guess the Kings as you say are rather tough seem that way at least doesn't it?

How is Sellers doing now?



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Helena says Bob doesn't care to move for Bible school. Said he missed the stories on the radio, ha. He is some Barger.

Lyman mentioned Mary + Jo's visit. They don't visit very often do they. They are rather hard to tell any thing about.

So Dean is learning to cook, tell her I'm hoping she is a huge success. Boy! did I have a time trying to cook the time you and Dad were in the train wreck. ha. I don't think I'll attempt cooking again.

Dad seems to have had quite a few experiences with his snowing. ha. He seems to be working rather hard.

I hope every thing is O.K. there

Bye - Bill

Very Small chance of a furlough. I'll not be home until the war is over, I suppose.



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Malocco

July - 28 - '45

Dear Mother

I'm doing o.k. Hope every one there is doing o.k. How Dad, Dean and "Bot"? What's new with the docks and does "Rout" enjoy Bible school any better?

The weather is sort of cool tonight, rather a brisk breeze. Should be able to really sleep tonight as if I ever have any trouble. ha.

Dad seems to be doing most of the work. I guess the other "Boys" are ~~too~~ old and broke down to work. He seems to be holding up better than any of 'em.

Tell "Bot" I wish him great success at his calving. Does he still tell people he is going to "kick their guts out" ha. Who wins the arguments now him or "podge"?

I guess Helen doesn't care what the Boston's Prices it al. Think about Bobby not visiting. hoh? He seems to like down there. I



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guess he has lots of room for his playing hole?

No doubt Perry Doncon would make an excellent preacher. ha. He was superbe as a ~~st~~ singer. I've yet to hear anyone just like him. As long as you have to put up with "jerks" like Charlie D. and Sam F. the church will never get anywhere. They don't seem to think there will be anyone to go to church after they are gone. I'll let you all back there worry about that. I have more or less got Dode's view of the members there.

So much for that. We get plenty of cigarets, the food could be worse, the weather is pleasant all in all (everything considered) things are going pretty well. I wrote Helen about sending some things. I told her for you and her to get together on the package. Love - Bill



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Maluccas
July-31-45

Dear Mother,

A rather month almost over,
time seems to be slipping along
rather swiftly.

How are things at home? I am
doing alright. It rained all day
today, so I got in a little sleep.

Dr. Hopkins seems to have
about "shot his wad". He never
seemed like much of a Dr. to
me.

That must have been some
muck that Carl and the Maclock
girl had. Did anyone get hurt you
didn't say? minor scratches huh?
I suppose that road is really a
mess now. Helen said the road
she traveled wasn't any good. No one
to work on 'em I guess.

Things must be early. You
said tobacco was blooming. Frank
Justin's usually was setting his
out about that time. ha.

I thought I told you about



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the Schoffer pen you sent me. I sat on it and broke it. I still have the pieces.

I got a letter from Wayne Sunday. My letters to him are slow getting thru. When he changed addresses it messed things up. I have answered all his letters, they just haven't gotten there. Wayne said Marvin wasn't going to take a discharge. Well everyone to their own taste I guess.

How's the Church situation? Still a standstill I guess. When you get rid of Sam + Charley D. things should run more smoothly.

News is short here. I've got to answer Aunt Anne's letter, so I'll quit and get ~~start~~ started on it.

I hope you and the folks are well. I'm doing fine.

Bye Bill



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Moluccas
Aug - 7 - 45

Dear Mother,

How's things? Bay! is it wet here, rained last night and started again this afternoon and is still going.

I haven't had a letter from you in a day or so but I have really got a wad of papers.

How's the folks doing? I suppose "Robt's" glad the bible school is over, he can catch up on his radio programmes.

Wayne wrote last week, didn't say much. He says I owe him some letters, I have answered all his though.

How's "old Marvin" doing? Bay! I bet he is really telling 'em some tall tales. ha.

What's new around, if anything? I hope Dad has slowed down a little. He has really been working hasn't he?

I got some more pictures today



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rather long shots, maybe you can recognize me, ~~may~~ I hope. I'm sending 'em.

All the talk around here today was about the new "atomic bomb", sounds good. Seems incredible though.

We have been eating better of late. The movies haven't improved any.

Nothing new here some old stuff. We have a basketball court but it's so hot you can hardly play.

I hope things there are going smoothly there. I guess Dean had a nice vacation.

Bye for now
Bill

Almost bed time, so I had better hit the hay - Bye



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Malvecas

Aug. 12-'45

Dear Mother,

How are you and all the folks?
I am ok. I slept about all morning.

The war seems to be about
over. A lot of the fellows thought
it was over Friday night. There
was a lot of fireworks going on.

We sat up half the night
listening to the radio but
didn't find out anything. Today
they said they would know
Japan's answer in 30 hrs.

From the way you write
the army seems to agree with
"Shini". Johnny Brittan had a
rather short honey moon didn't
he?

The pictures you sent were
good. Wayne looks taller than I
am. Bobby is really growing. You
looked good.

Cleautis hasn't changed as
far as borrowing money is concerned.
Does everyone still come to Dad
for money?



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"Little Roy" Brown seems to be continually on the move. I guess he will never settle down.

Your garden seems to be doing ok. this year. Bobby should get enough strawberries hoh. We have been eating good lately, fresh meats, eggs and Potatoes.

You seem to have as much rain as we do. Have they gotten the hay up yet? If not the rain isn't a great help, is it?

How's Sellers and his papers doing? If the war doesn't end soon he will probably be a nervous wreck. ha.

It doesn't look as if Clay Malone is a great success. He will be another Jason hoh? How is Aven doing? Lamon did a good job of messing things up too.

Kathy is gone more than she is home it seems. Does Barbara stay with them yet and how's the Boye B. & J.?



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Spider is a joker isn't he? Stella really got something when she married him. ha.

Warman says he has to go to La. soon. I guess he will have to stay this time. How is Lyman doing? I hear from Mays quiet often but he doesn't say much. Wayne is writing quiet a bit now. I've been hearing from him about every week.

I am doing o.k. I guess, no colds yet. (knock on wood). I had a sort of stiff neck yesterday. It is better today.

Well I guess this is all. Hello to everyone best of luck and stuff. Have Bob's ducks?

Bye - Bill

This thing may be over in a day or so. I hope.



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Maluccas
Aug -14 -'45

Dear Mather,

It seems to have ended. (About time huh?) Naturally I am very pleased, to put it mildly. ha. I don't know how much longer I will have to stay here. Some little time I suppose.

I am doing alright. I hope you are O.K. I got your letter today stating that you got the pictures. No I haven't gained as Homer Ray did. ha.

That was to bad about the Little Marrell girl. I guess there will be a lot of accidents like that soon as gas rationing is lifted.

Carl probably won't have to go to the army. I suppose Wayne can hardly wait to get out. I guess he will have a small wait though.

How much did Wayne owe Joe? Wayne is sort of a



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Character any way. He might do as well as "Pete" though. Drew hasn't been any to great a success.

We are still having lots of rain here. It rained quite a bit this morning. The food has been very good lately. The movies and V.S.O. shows aren't so hot.

How's Burgess cold? Helen said she hadn't been feeling well. I hope Dad and Dean are doing nicely.

I guess this is about all for now. Everyone is worrying now, when will they get home? Someone's will have to be occupation troops. I don't know if I will miss it or not, hope so. ha.

Bye for now
Take it easy

Bill

Dear Mother,

Maluccas

Aug - 20 - '45

I am getting along fine. I hope everyone there is O.K.

We are really having a rain tonight. It was a little damp for the movie but I sat in the ward and saw it, quite a few wore raincoats and sat in the rain. "The Great John L." was the picture, it wasn't too bad.

Well the negotiations, negotiations are getting under way maybe the war will be officially over soon. They seem to be surrendering pretty well already. I see where rationing has been lifted considerably back there. They say meat is going to be hard to get for a while. We

have had quiet a bit of fresh
meat lately, mostly beef.

Marilyn says she is having
a lot of work to do now. I guess
they have a time getting things
straightened out.

How's G.C.'s cold? I hope
he is taking care of himself.

No doubt Barger is playing and
reading "shoot 'em up stories".

Helen said he really went in
for those wild stories.

You seem to be quiet a
Magazine salesman (or woman I
should have said), I guess they
still haven't decided to build a
new church.

You have as many cats as
"Little Bot" had, haven't you? ha
You should tame 'em up a
little though it seems ha.

They really believe in drafting
the boys thru. I can't see
how they expect Boddy to
pass this time. Did they
ever call Fred Dixon back?

I hear from Justice pretty
often. He said I was the only
one he had been writing to. He
said his Mather got on him
for not writing.

I don't know how much
longer I will be in the
army. Maybe some time yet.
I only have 20 months over-
seas and most of the fellows
have 30 or 31 and some have
39. I'll get there eventually ha.

Best of luck

Bye - Billy



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Maloccoas
Aug. 26-'45

Dear Mother,

Things here are pretty much the same, no great change as yet, just waiting around so to speak.

How's things there? I hope everything is going smoothly and you are all well. I am doing O.K.

So there isn't much chance for Aunt Berte. She is getting pretty old at that. I guess she has suffered terribly.

That was to bad about Bose's kid. There seems to be a lot of people getting their legs banged up.

So Bob knows quite a bit about airplanes, huh? I suppose he is some kid. I bet he is glad school is starting. ha. Bobby Gene says he doesn't want to go.

Wayne told me he had been assigned to his ship. I



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forgot to mention it in my last letter. He hadn't been doing much in camp or so it seems.

Today was rather quiet, being Sun. I slept a little and read a do. The movie tonight was one I had seen before so I thought I'd write a little.

How's the farm work going? Aunt Anne says they are having a bumper tobacco crop. They are building a new shed to take care of it. Dad won't need any extra room for his large crop at home will he? ha.

I guess this is about all. Maybe that package you mentioned will get here eventually.

Love - Bill



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Maluccas

Aug. 30-45

Dear Mother,

Today is the first time I've had a letter from you in a week or over. I got 4 today from you one each from Helen & Clark.

Tonight is rather warm or at least I'm that way, maybe it's going to rain. We didn't have a movie tonight. The one last night, (a Sherlock Holmes) wasn't too bad.

A lot of the fellows (19) I think leave for the states tomorrow. They have 85 points or more. I still don't know when I'll get home, probably not for some time yet.

How is the Goss family and their troubles (Sarah, Sam etc. I think Sarah is rather ignorant don't you. So. Juanita seems to be getting a raw deal.

How's Berger doing as a mower



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of lawns? ha. That is rather a flat like work isn't it? He likes to stay there quiet well it seems! Yeah I guess the school there isn't so good but I think kids learn more in a small school.

I suppose those extra truck license cost a pretty penny, huh? You can haul practically whatever you please now I guess. Is W.O. a pretty good driver?

So Maude is moving back huh? She said in her letter to me that she didn't care for up there.

That "Etta episode" was rather funny. Mrs League thought she was "the nuts" and Etta was such a good little gal. ha.

I think I told you once what Etta was. ha.

Martha Malone gets around quiet a bit doesn't she. Her and Irene are rather rough characters Preacher Children! I've gotten



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petty well disgusted ~~with~~ with people in general. Some characters I've met are enough to turn anyone against the human race.

Things here are about as usual. We aren't doing too much at present. The food is rather good, no complaints I guess.

It is time for lights out so I have got to rest. I'm am well and doing O.K. I hope everyone there is alright.

Maybe the mail will come in better from now on. Well the lights have gone out, ha I'm using a flash light.

Best of luck and everything I guess I'll have to write Helen tomorrow.

Love - Bill

I answered all your letters at once I'll write again soon. There isn't anything new here anyway

Goodnight
J.B.