

COSDEN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

FROM "Pie"

DATE 7-28-45

TO Robert Joseph

SUBJECT "Bull"

Dear Bob,

Just wanted to get off a note to you again while I am writing a few letters. We were sorry to hear about the operation, but are glad your condition is improving. I know it was nice to have it so close to home so your folks could be with you. Also read in the paper today that you received the Bronze Star. Congratulations! I know you deserved it.

Nothing new from this end of the world. Rec'd a letter from Bud's C.O. the other day giving all the details of Bud's missing. Guess he was on a Mission about 120 miles north of Okinawa and was returning to his base. There were 8 of them, and they were jumped by 50 Zeros. They spotted Bud first I guess and dove on him. Then they all became separated fighting the Japs. There were supposed to have been about 25 Army planes in the vicinity, but before they could get there and assist in the fight, Buds outfit caught hell. One of the three boys that made it back to base, said he heard Bud radio in that he had just shot one down, and was still fighting with 5 more. Then a little bit later he radioed in that his plane had been hit and that he was going to attempt a water landing. No one saw him go down I guess, and he was supposed to have landed 30 miles from land. All the planes in his squadron were badly damaged they said, so you can see it was no picnic. They sent searching parties out all that day and a week thereafter, and couldn't find a trace of he or his buddy who was also hit, so that is the way we got the story. Whether the Japs followed him on down after he was hit and finished him will be a question for a good while. It's just hard to say. The C.O. said Bud is believed dead, so in his books I guess he figured Bud didn't have much of a chance. It's pretty tough on D.A's folks but they are doing very well.

I'm taking up a new job now. I am being made Supervisor of the warehouse for the Refinery now which is a pretty good job, so now I have a secretary and 4 men under me. They have been training me for the last 3 weeks. I like it fine, and is very interesting.

We also have a little better place to live now. We've been living in a duplex (3 rooms w/bath, and very small, so now we have the other side which is 4 rooms w/bath, and the rooms are very large. We have just finished moving, and are settled now. Fixed the place quite a bit. We have an extra bedroom, so if you ever get a chance come down and see us.

I am kinda half way planning to go home next week-end, but don't know if I will make it or not. I'd only get to be home 2 days, but will be worth it I guess. Haven't been home since I left the Army. If I had the time I'd run over to Topeka and see you, but that won't be possible.

Well, this is just a note, but just wanted you to know how glad we are that your getting along better. See you soon.

Pie, Bill, Larry, David

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