

Philippines 9-5-45
Cebu, Cebu

Dear Dad & Mama:

Have been going to drop you
a few lines for the last few days
but honestly I just really have
been so busy getting these outfit's
equipped to go to Japan I have
had to go for 18 hr. a day the
last week and so you can see
that I am not kidding when I
say I just haven't had time
but now things are back to normal
and I expect to have a little
more time to myself. I haven't
even had time to read my
mail the last two days and
eat my chow on the rim.

There is no more
censorship now that the war is
over as you have probably
already heard. I received 7
birthday cards on the 1st, which
was my 21st birthday and that
is something that very very
seldom happens to anyone over
here to get mail on the right
date some of the boys are
still getting Xmas packages from
1944 & 45 and by the way

I am now wearing my beautiful identification bracelet that you sent quite some time ago it also arrived here on the 1st/so I am going to call it my present from all of you and all the boys here agree that it is the best one they have ever seen, and I can't tell you how proud I am nor can I ever begin to thank you for it but all I can say in words is "chant's a million" I only wish I could have sent something for Bob's birthday and Dad's and also your Anniversary also Gloria's birthday, I didn't forget any of them but they just isn't anything around here that I can send that would be nice enough for any of my sweet family, I guess I really made a bad mistake by telling in a letter to Bob that I had malaria, now I don't want any of you to worry any

more about it as malaria
over here is as common as
a cold is at home and it isn't
serious or anything to worry about
until you have had it about
10 times and you can bet you
last jess that I won't ever
have it any more - and I
am feeling ^{well}, and as well as
ever so please don't worry
about me, you have had
enough worries, I could shoot
myself for ever telling anyone
about it but you can't
see sandust so all I can
do is ask you again please!
don't worry any more.

About my coming home I
don't expect to be on my way
for at least 8 more months
unless something happens and they
change the joint system - right
now the way I stand - it
will take 15 more months
over here (that is figuring
2 pts per mo) to give me the
new critical score of "80" as at
this date I have "55 pts" if I get
the 5 pts for the Philippine Campaign
I am not sure of it so I go 50 pts now.

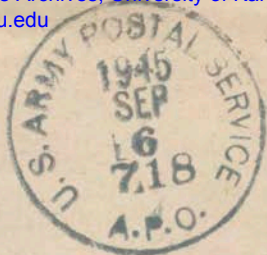
We have men over here
in my Detachment who have
40 and 42 mo. overseas and
have been wounded two and
three times and they don't
expect to go home for another
two months because of
"Dry Out McArthur" says
that he needs all the
men he has - my honest
opinion is that something
will break loose before
long and that boys will
be on their way soon, I
can't possibly get home
until all of these men
have first as they are
away & ahead of me
some with 90 to 104 pts.
are still here and so
you can see just where
I stand, I just thought
I would let you know
the truth so you won't
be expecting me home
too soon. I had better
close for now and drop
Bob a line or two. Goodnight from
Ebu. So Long for Now.
Love Johnny over

I am sending all of
letters and telegrams that
mom sent to me that
she received from Bob.
so let me know
if you get them all they are
all in 5 envelopes the
same as this one
I will mail them with
this letter.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. Some words like "mom", "Bob", and "envelopes" are faintly visible.]

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