

Philippines

Cebu, Cebu

Oct. 24. 45

Dear Hollis:

Have a few minutes so I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know that I am feeling just fine and getting along O.K. hoping that this short note finds all of you the same.

By the way my little sister has a birthday today and I regret very much that I am unable to send her a gift so I will just send my love and many happy returns and promise to spend the next one with her and the rest of my family.

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Still no news of my  
going home and I doubt  
very much if I am started  
before the first of the  
year. I expect to be  
a civilian by April 46  
and I hope before that  
the same as you do  
I would give anything  
to be home for I was  
but it looks hopeless.

If this letter finds  
Bob back in the Hospital  
please send me his address  
and I promise I will  
write to him every day  
regardless of what happens.

This Base - Base 5  
will be closed as of  
Nov-1-45 so I don't



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know what is in store  
for me, I know I won't  
go to Japan so probably  
Seyto or Manila as they  
are the only two bases  
left in the South Pacific  
that are still in full  
operation, commonly known  
as Base K. <sup>(Seyto)</sup> and Base X. <sup>(Manila)</sup>

I won't know anything  
about where I am going  
probably until late November  
so don't worry as it will  
mean nothing more than  
another boat ride to me.

Well I will close for  
now hoping to hear from  
all of you soon. please  
give my regards to all.

Sam  
Dole