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Arrive Sydney
Sat 13th Oct.

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Div. 2nd Lt. Bormack
2/21st Bn.

On Board, 2nd Hospital Ship
"Wangalla"
Tuesday 9th Oct.

Dear Mum,

Just the last letter before I see you all. We are heading down the Queensland coast as I write this. We expect to reach Brisbane 11. A.M. There. I guess you will be able to read all about it in the papers. It is about 36 hrs. from Brisbane to Sydney. We have had a pretty good trip since we left Morotie it has been pretty calm until yesterday Mon. 8th Oct. then it got a bit rough, but I wasn't sea-sick. I am a mess today on the boat so have no

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food worries. They all tell me to starve my-self from now on so as you will believe I was a P.O.W. The wind has a sharp bite in it this morning. I had to sleep under a blanket last night. We have met quite a few American ships at sea.

One night coming down the New Guinea coast we ran into heavy rain & fog. It slowed us up, as they had word another ship was going up about every 5 minutes they used to blow the siren. I woke up with a fright & thought she must have seen a sub. The mess-orderejes had an egg eating

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contest last Sunday morning I came fourth with 80 fried eggs. The winner led the field with 14, so you see we should be fat. I can hardly see out of my eyes. I just forgot to tell you I mentioned in my last letter that Sister Ferguson is on board. I have had liquor a few good old yarns to her about Kang. I also met a Bob Chandler. Those bridges out along the Beech-wood road are named after his father. He went to the 14th Kang school when Charlie Kid was teacher. He is now living in Chiltern. He knew most of the real old

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people. We are very short of fresh water, so I guess that is why we are stopping at Brisbane for. We have plenty of food on board. Pictures every night. To-morrow is Margaret's big day 10th Oct. She will have my thought & ~~with~~ sincerely hope she passes it. We this seems to be all the news for the present. So I will close now with my love for all
Your loving
Son

Frank
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