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Reception Camp

Morotie

14-9-45

My Dear Mother,

Just a few more lines letting you know that I am still alive & well. I suppose you have received my other letter written on board the "Cottamundra". We are now camped at Morotie & believe me we are sure being looked after. All fresh food as much as you can eat. When the war ended I was 8 st 4 lb. & now 10 st 5 lbs. So that is not so bad. We are just being killed with kindness. Every-body just can't do enough for us.

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I have met a few chaps from Wang here. All look well. I have been running around every-where down to the R.A.F. & had a look at all the planes. Going up for $\frac{3}{4}$ hr. in a couple of days time.

Fishing trips, sight seeing, boat round all the small islands. Plenty of swimming. All the Sisters are only so pleased to do any sewing for us. No doubt these army clothes are beautiful after 5 years.

We are all wearing 3 ribbons & have 4 service stripes to go on our sleeves. I had my first taste of Beer to-day. We are only allowed very little beer.

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I think they will fly us home from here. I said a few words over the air, so I hope you happened to hear them. I am slowly catching up with the news but still will have plenty to talk about when we meet. I sent a wire to Margaret to listen in to the radio. I hope all at home are extra well. If they feel the way I do to-night will there is no need to worry. Doreen married yet? This place is just as hot as ever. I can speak a little Malaya, just enough to be able to give a lot of check & get away with it.

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Tell Dad all the news & tell him to have a good supply of beer on hand, because I have started eating salted pea-nuts already. I will be well & truly home for my birth-day, only 23 & feel like 17 again. The brain grows old & cunning but the body doesn't. I am enclosing a photo just for proof. Well I guess this is all the news this letter

So till the next one

A Tons of Love & Kisses

Your Loving Son

Frank

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