

April 22, 1943

Hello Gang:

Received your V-mail today of March 14th. My thanks to you for dropping a line and again our thanks for the cigarettes you sent. You morale boosters are certainly on the ball. We also received the college paper and enjoyed reading it very much. When I say we, I am including Sgt. Arthur Menard, Jr. We are both together here in the South Pacific in the shade of the coconut trees.

The tropics aren't so bad but could be improved. From all reports on the weather in Little Rhody, I guess the South Pacific is the place to be. Things are tearing up for us and the only thing that upsets our routine is a casual visit to our little island by Soja's little winged angels, who descend on us now and then with tokens of their esteem. Our greatest loss from this source is the loss of a few hours shut-eye.

From all reports, the college is doing well by itself in helping to teach army and navy office procedure. As for the navy end of things we can't say much but as for the army end, we understand only too well the terrific job the college has undertaken, having, ourselves,

had a few years of experience in
 Army personnel and administrative
 work. The best of luck to all in their
 undertakings.

We appreciate your offer in regard
 to the candy but because of climatic
 conditions, unstable conditions that
 tend to affect parcel post deliveries and
 the many examples we have seen of
 good candy and foodstuffs that
 have been spoiled or damaged to
 a point where they are no longer in
 an edible condition when they are
 delivered, we are a bit reluctant to
 accept your offer. I hope you will
 share our thoughts in this matter as it
 is based on experience. We find cigars,
 cigarettes and tobacco manage to stand
 up under the hardships of travel and
 so put this in the form of a suggestion.

Again our thanks for taking time out
 of your busy days to think of us and
 we look forward to the day we will all
 be back together again talking things
 over.

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Best of Luck,
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