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Dear Mrs Malval,

[indented] I must apologise for my last brief note, but things had moved very quickly at the time and I had to move with them. However I am now in Balik Papan [sic], and have no desire to go any further. It was quite an interesting show as you've no doubt heard. The lads all had quite a good time as after jungle fighting and the desert, capturing a big town has quite a few compensations. Until the very powerful officials caught up with us we were living quite luxuriously with a lounge chair

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in the tent, a Pontiac [sic] sedan to go visiting and eating off china plates instead of tin dioxies. I don't [sic] know if you care for souvenirs, but I have some Jap invasion money which I will enclose. It is quite hygienic – new money from a pay office. We would have been quite rich had it all been legal tender.

[indented] I've had enough soldiering and hope to be leaving the Army to become a poor _____. *Trodden* civilian. I have had 5 years service and two years operational service so am now eligible under the new exchange scheme. I have no desire to personally invade Japan or other territory. The situation does look very hopeful for a hasty conclusion to the war.

[indented] Maj John Brocksopp [sic], one of our Coy commanders has just returned from America after attending a USMC school at Quantico [sic] (please

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excuse if spelling is incorrect – the name sounds like that) and has had a marvellous time, particularly in San Francisco. It's a pity such trips are very rare as he has made us all very envious.

[indented] I am at present installing a water system in our camp, and had to dig a well. After digging to a depth of 12 feet with not a sign of water, our morale was very depressed when out of the side wall came a little trickle of oil. However a little lower down the water came good and the oil has almost disappeared.

[indented] With very best wishes,

[indented] Sincerely,

J. Pollard.



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