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Dear Mrs Malval,

[indented] It was indeed a pleasure to receive your Kmas [sic] card and kind wishes. I must also thank you for the bundle of magazines which I received earlier in the year. Shortly after receiving them I went on home the first for over 12 months, and in the excitement and whirl of activities I sadly neglected my correspondence.

The parcel you mentioned has not yet arrived, but they always do take longer than letters. I do like the American cigarettes, but please don't send any as I realise how scarce they are. I have just read of the reputed popularity of corn cob pipes with some cigarettes stained ladies.

[indented] I'm not sure whether you would appreciate our hot weather at the moment. I believe it is overpouring [sic] in many parts N.S.W particularly combined with the

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terrific dust storms. You may have heard of the brown out in N.Z caused by the dust blown across from the dust bowl. Melbourne is about the only capital in which I haven't spent very much time. I always seem to wander around there getting lost, particularly when farther than 1 mile from the G.P.O.

Actually under peace time conditions the climate in New Guinea is very pleasant particularly in the hills where the nights are cool. I'm afraid I wouldn't survive in any severe cold climate.

It was unfortunate your husband was injured so early in the piece. I had a similar experience but the only thing injured was my dignity, after coughing up mouthfuls[?] of ocean and imitating a submarine. I have been extremely lucky in the past and learnt that my luck continues.

Sadly enough I don't think I will be home for this Xmas. But it is to be

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hope we will all be out of this war by next Xmas.

[indented] Once again many thanks and best wishes for Xmas and the New Year.

[indented] Sincerely, Leo Pollard.



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