From No: SX9958 Name: Capt. L. J Pollard Unit or Group: c/o J. Pollard 3 Arthur St. Marrickville New South Wales Australia 27 Dec 43

Dear Mrs. Malval,

[indented] I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation of the Christmas Parcel donated by you, through the Australian Comfort Fund. These parcels form a very bright feature of our Christmas and are very much appreciated by all.

The name of the Anzac Division of British War Relief Society is a familiar one, as we are quite often favoured with an issue of cigarettes through that society. One does feel more than great appreciation of the gifts provided, reassurance and security in the comradeship which exists between our two nations.

[indented] Owing to security restrictions I am unable to mention the name of my unit in the address, but as the present moment, I am serving in New Guinea.

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I was living in New Guinea before the war, and never thought when we went to the Middle East we would have to return to fight in this horrid place. However it is gratifying to know that Nippon is feeling it was a mistake the [sic] ever came near here.

Letter writing is rather a difficult ______ at the moment. It is raining now, and all the insects in [sic] the island seem to be congregating round my lantern. There are locusts, grasshoppers, flying ants, caterpillars, as well as a few unknown insects [?]. Thank goodness snakes don't mind a spot of rain! Once again many thanks for the parcel. Although a trifle late I would like to wish you the compliments of the season and all good luck in 1944.

[indented] Yours sincerely,

L.J Pollard. Capt.

