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Queensland. January 15th 1944.

Somewhere in New Guinea

Dear Mrs Malval,

[indented] Several of us up here received Christmas parcels from you through the A.C.F. Thank you very much indeed. We managed to have quite a happy Xmas and enjoyed dinners of turkey & plum pudding, and the Officers & Pilots looked after us like mothers at a childrens [sic] party! The contents of the parcel arrived in excellent condition & we had Xmas Cake & Cream for breakfast this morning as it seemed the nearest approach to breakfast in bed.

We get plenty of cigarettes and there is a picture show somewhere every night. The only thing we don't like is the damp & mildew & stench of the jungle – and the War! Hoping you are [sic] well,

[indented] Yours sincerely,

John Crutchley.