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Mrs J. H Malval,

[indented] At last I have started after many unsuccessful attempts to write you a letter of thanks for the Christmas Hamper which I received through the A.C.F of which you were the donor. No doubt the festive season will be over by the time you receive this letter but I still wish to convey the heartiest of greetings to you for Christmas and the New Year and by the time the next one comes around I hope the festivities are held under peace time conditions. I have met many American Soldiers during the course of my travels and for strangers I think they are a bunch of swell fellows and

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have made many friends among them and have made arrangements to become pen friends with a few of them and that will sort of give me an idea as to how my friends live in peace time, as from what I have heard of America it seems a very interesting place and would like to hear more about it. We generally have a few arguments as to the merits of our respective countries, friendly of course, but I maintain that everybody sticks up for his or her little part of the world that they live in. My home is in "Brisbane", "Queensland" where I have a wife and a four year old son waiting patiently for the war to finish so that

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I will be home with them for keeps. Actually I haven't anything to write about so once again with many thanks for the Christmas parcel I will reluctantly close this letter remaining your friend across the seas.

Ivan J. Bosel.

P.S I won't bore you with the contents of the parcel, but I can assure you they were all acceptable. I will enclose the small sum of one penny as that what all [sic] American's seems to want as a souvenir, it is not much but something in remembrance of a friend across the seas.



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