

Dear Mum,
 By the time you get this we
 will probably be at, or near our destination.
 We are well out on the sea now, & I haven't
 felt the slightest trace of sickness yet.
 This ship hardly notices the swell at all, & rides
 very nicely up to date. I have landed a permanent
 job for the voyage in the officers pantry, all I have
 to do is make tea & coffee in pots, & pass them
 across a counter. I get a fair bit of time off, &
 plenty of the best food available on board, so
 I'm better off there than anywhere else.
 There is not much fear of any danger on the sea,
 as we are so well guarded for that.
 If you hear any alarming reports about
 U-boats being wiped out, & such like alarms,
 even over the wireless, you need not take
 much notice of them, as 90% are over.

highly exaggerated or without
 any foundation at all. I have daresnt
 seem to be much to write about now, as
 every day at sea is practically the same.
 I don't know how much we are allowed to
 put in these letters, but don't think any should
 be cut out of this. Tobacco & cigarettes are
 very cheap on board. Tobacco is 6d per ounce, &
 50 cigarettes for 2/- . Also beer is only about
 5d per pint. You will probably have long
 spells between letters now, as we haven't
 got much chance of posting them. This one may
 go off at the first port of call. Well news is
 scarce, so I'll say ciao for this time,
 hoping all are well. Love from George

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A. J. F. Abroad. *Malaya* 23-3-41

Dear Albin,

I received two letters from you about a week ago, & can't remember whether I wrote to you since, but think I did. I have written quite a number of letters to you, & hope you have received them all. I think some of our mail has been going astray. I have not received any papers yet, so it looks as if it is not worth while sending them, as they may never reach here. We are a long way from where we landed now & our quarters are comfortable, & the food is good. I think Linke, Speed & Sandy Ross were probably in the same Convoy as me, but I'm certain that they are not in Malaya. Well, we have settled down to our respective jobs now & have a fair bit of work on hand, servicing breakdowns etc. I am not allowed to say much about our movements or work on account of censorship.

(turn over)

S.X. 8384.

Pls. G. J. Enam.

2/4 et. J.W.

With. Recovery.

et. J. F. Malaya.

9-4-41.

Dear Mum,

I am enclosing this note in a letter to Rose, & also a couple of snaps. I think I answered your ~~first~~ ^{last} letter, but am not sure.

You will notice the address is Malaya, & not abroad.

We have had orders to have letters addressed that way. We are shifting our quarters about 50 miles further on shortly, & I have heard that we will be much more comfortable, than we are here, so it must be pretty good. I am getting along O.K., & am as fit as a fiddle. The heat does not affect me the slightest bit. We are still kept fairly busy, & I have not bothered to go on leave yet, but our new quarters are not far from a big town, famous for its canes, & I will get a days leave when we get settled there, & do a bit of souvenir hunting. The group snap, are all South Australians. There are only 8 in the unit, & we are all cobbers, & always march around together. You will see me in the back row, & the big chap standing next to me, has been my mate since we first landed at Jeymour in the Engineers. He is from Broken Hill, & is standing at the end. The other snap is facing the sea, close to the camp, & is a very poor one. I'll send you some decent ones later on, & intend to get a camera myself shortly.

Well, I will cut this short, now, & write you a decent letter soon, hoping all are well, & every thing is going alright. Love from George.

P.S. How are Amy & Jewell.

Horses are rare over here, except racehorses. There are quite a few well known Australian racehorses here at the present time.

S.X. 8384

Rte. J. J. Evans.

2 1/4 C. F. M.

10th. Recovery.

C. I. F. Malaya.

18-4-41.

Dear Alburn,

I was pleased to receive your letter a few days ago, dated 12-3-41. Well I haven't much news to tell you this time, except that we have shifted our quarters another 50 miles further on. I think I mentioned in my last letter that we were due for a shift.

Our new quarters are much more comfortable than the previous ones, & almost as good as the first quarters which I described to you. I have bought a camera, & will send you a snap of the quarters next time I write, which will give you a better idea, & easier than trying to describe them to you. We are only about a mile from the town which I mentioned to you before, & are able to get leave almost any evening. It is a very picturesque town, but like all the rest, is very smelly.

I am sending a couple of snaps in this letter. One of a Chinese girl, & one of a group of natives having a meal, with a ricksha in the background. The Chinese girl has not got pyjamas on. That's their usual get-up. Well, I had the experience of making the journey to our new quarters in a Bren-gun-carrier. We were travelling in a convoy of all our recovery trucks utilities & workshop trailers at about 30 m.p.h.

The Bren gun carrier is one of the jobs we are doing up, & I had been working on it for about a week before we shifted, putting new bearings in the bogey-wheels which carry the tracks. They are a kind of light tank, used for carrying machine guns, & ride surprisingly well. I don't think you have seen one, but have probably seen pictures of them in the papers. Well I am still keeping fit, & have not lost any weight. I weighed a few days ago, & went 11st. 11lbs. so you can see the heat has not taken much out of me.

How is everything going on the farm? You must have your work cut out running the two places. I had a letter from Pou a few days ago, & she said she was going up to Ponde for a few days at Easter. Well I have just about run out of news for this time, & it's nearly "lights out," so I'll close now, hoping all are well.

Love from George.

P.S. I had a letter from Elbatt the other day. Tell him I'll answer it soon. I haven't had much time lately for writing, as we have a lot of work on hand, & I have been doing a bit of sightseeing in the evenings now that we are able to get a bit of leave. George.

S.X. 5384.

Pte. G. J. Evans.
24th Bn. M.
10th Recoy. Coy.
A.S.M. Malaya.

5-5-41.

Dear Mum,

Just a short note to let you know that I am still getting along O.K. I have been away from the unit with others on a convoy job for about a week now, & don't expect to get back to camp for a few days yet. We are about 200 miles from the unit at present, & having a great look around. We were called away on the job at a few minutes notice about 9 P.M. ~~one~~ one night about a week ago, & had to travel all night per train to reach a certain destination, & will be driving a fleet of trucks back when we go. Our job is to service the convoy.

Well I haven't got much time to write now, so will have to finish off. How is everything going? I am still keeping fairly fit. I would have written to you before, but never got the opportunity to get writing material till today, & we've been kept fairly busy. Well I'll say hello for this time, hoping all are well,

Love from,
Lawson
Evans
George

P.S. Excuse shortness of scribble,
Will write again soon.

I thought the fountain pen
you bought is quite good. I
will give you a good one
when I see you.
Camp

A ^{copy}

Well I'm running a bit short of time
now so will finish this note off,
& enclose it in a letter to Rose, &
she can post it on to you.
I'm quite well & getting acclimatized
to the heat. Hoping you're all well
& getting on O.K.

Oh Revvie

Love from George

P.S. Excuse scribble & hurry,
but it's nearly "lights out".
Will write again soon

George



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Dear Elburn,
I sent a short note to you a couple of days ago, in a letter to Bob. I have fun out of news lately, & find it very hard to make a letter together. There is a lot, we are not allowed to talk about, & we are having a very quiet time so there is really not much to write about. I am getting along alright on my work, & I still keeping quite well. The don't work very hard, but just keep plodding along steadily. I hope the drought has broken for you before this. We are getting a lot of rain here lately. Why say the rainy season had not



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set in here yet, so I guess there will be some water about, when it does. I received a couple of bulletins & a Sentinel from you, a few days ago, so it looks as if the papers are coming through alright now. Well news is very scarce, & the "Chronicle" are coming around, so it looks as if I'll have to close, & get under my net. Genu - your is carried by moquiter, & there is a bit going around here lately, so it's just as well to take no risks. Cheers for this time, hoping you are all as well as I am
Love from
A. I haven't taken any snaps lately, but will send you some when I do.

RED SHIELD SERVICES



From: No. SX 8384
 Name H. E. Evans (Pt.)
 Unit 2/4th Coy. G.W.
10th Recovers.
 Date 20.9.43
Chabayo
A - 8 - 41

Dear Ethel,
 Just a note as I am short of time to catch the mail. I will enclose this in a letter to you, & write to you next mail. I received your welcome letter today, & glad to know that my letter describing Chabayo got through. I also had a letter from Mr. Lowry, & he told me that you had some news, so I guess it must have been welcome. Well everything is O.K. with me. I'm still on a fiddle, & hope all of you are as well. I haven't got time to write more now, so will say I love you, & will write in a couple of days. Love from George.

Australian Young Men's Christian Association

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WITH AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
 No. SX 8384 Pte. G. F. Evans
 Name 2/4th Coy. G.W. 10th Recovers.
 Unit Chabayo Chabayo

Write Home First

Dear Ethel,
 Just a short note to let you know that we are still on the sea, & having a wonderful voyage. We expect to reach our destination before long. We have a fair idea where we are going, but are not allowed to tell you yet. I am enclosing this in an air-mail letter to Rose, so excuse the brevity, as I will have to keep the weight down. I had a letter from Rose of our first port of call. We were there a few days, but were not allowed off the ship. I'll leave it to Rose to finish putting the news in this to say I love you for this time, hoping all are well. Love from George.

23-1-42.

S.X. 8284
L/Cpl. G. J. Evans,
22nd Independent Brigade
of Royal Ordnance W/pts
Ct. S. F. Malaya.

Dear Mum,

Just a short note to let you
know I'm O.K. & in a safe spot.

I received a letter from you about a
fortnight ago, but have not had much
chance to answer it. We are kept
busy now, & on the move a fair bit.

I have not seen any war yet, apart from
a few enemy planes, & a bit of A.C. fire,
& bombing in the distance. It's hard
to talk up now, as we are not allowed
to say much.

I'm still keeping fit,
& well satisfied with my new job on the
motor-cycles. Mails are very uncertain now,
so don't be surprised if you don't get
letters for long periods. Well I must
close now, hoping you will excuse this
scribble & brevity.

well,

Love from

George