

So long & best wishes
 your affectionate
 brother Ken

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18th April

Dear Ben, your most welcome letter to hand.
 Pleased to hear you're OK. Have just come out
 of the jungle after sitting with Betty & myself
 & a couple of grenades waiting for them to
 appear. But it's all over now.

Went out on patrol yesterday &
 ran slap bang into a bunch of the Japs. We
 opened up & so did they. But the Japs were
 sure flying. We did 3 each of them over but they
 outnumbered us badly so had to scream.
 At this screaming came 20 or 30 & 3 more. Did
 two over for sure and I took a shot at one over
 & saw it through the undergrowth & about 25
 yards away. The undergrowth didn't move again.
 So I must have got him. That's one of the couple
 for you Ben got to get. But since I've had nothing
 at all since I don't have time to stop & make sure
 as the other bastards were after us. Read your
 letter at first light. The only chance I had while
 the shells were screaming over & landing about 200
 yds away. But at any longer have to go again. I don't
 be surprised if you don't hear from me a while
 but I'm sure you'll be sure to hear from me when I get to the Island.

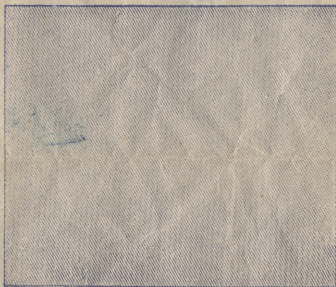
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