

Oct 2, '42 sent by Sgt H. Bottcher Co. H-126th Inf

Dear Alice & Evelyn,

You are probably waiting for some time for any news from me. Here I am in New Guinea, happy and well. Although it is quite hot, yet it is bearable. The natives are very friendly and helpful to us and we intend to keep them as our allies by treating them well. While in Australia I intended to visit some of the old friends but was unable to make the necessary arrangements in time. How is everything with you? Does Eve still go to the dentist as regularly as before? Are you still working down at West Portal? I'll try to assist you financially whenever I can so please don't worry. At the next opportunity I'll write a personal letter to Evelyn; at present I haven't got the writing material to do so. Lots of love & kisses, Hermann

Nov 8, '42 sent by S/Sgt H. Bottcher Co. H-126th Inf

Dear Alice & Evelyn,

It must have been quite some time since you heard from me last. Well circumstances are such that we can't write whenever we like to. I hope you'll understand.

We are still in New Guinea and everything is O.K., although I would not object to having a change in my diet. Rice and corned beef not for days but weeks gets a little monotonous.

I hope that the both of you are in the best of health and spirits and that you'll have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year full of joy and contentment. With lots of love, Hermann