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from Phil Mitchell
& Chris

was wounded in combat,
congrats on your marriage

3rd September 1944

Dear Chris,

Have intended writing you before now but I had mislaid(?) your address and since we can't take correspondence into combat did not have it.

Perhaps Jim has written you that I caught a Nip slug in my throat - Anyway I'm doing fine with the exception that I can't talk - Can only whisper and the doctors tell me not to even do that. This wound is a clean hole through and through - Took off my Adam's apple but it is healing fast - They are sending me home in a few weeks - That is, I expect to be in California soon - This hospital is very nice and we get excellent food - The nurses are very nice too

and I'm actually enjoying the rest - my wound has never really been painful and with the exception, at first, of having a little trouble breathing has not been very bothersome.

Was leading a company attack on pill boxes when it happened - We accomplished our mission of knocking 'em out though - It (the bullet) didn't knock me out and I was able to write on a pad which, luckily, I had with me. Was evacuated pretty quick after that. I consider myself a mighty lucky fellow! Doctors (specialists here) tell me its going to take time and they are a bit vague as to when but I am confident that when I get back to the Mainland with plenty of rest and perhaps

(3)
an operation that I will have
a voice. Please don't feel
sorry for me 'cause as I told
you I'm getting the very best
of care and am very confident.

I am so very glad
that you are happily married -
From the clipping you sent me
he is certainly a handsome
fellow and he is also a very
lucky guy to have you - He
knows it though!

Here's the very best of
luck to you both -

Love,

Phil

Philip Donitchell 1st Lt.