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Ronald (Stub) Geltz now in India, and there so long that he is talking native, sends the printer at Genesee a real Camel cigarette and the cover from a package with part the tax-free label showing. Certainly, Stub has not turned to smoking cigarettes after being a cigar smoker for so many years. Stub's interesting letter from India, written on Dec. 25, and arriving here Jan.7 reads:

"Dear Pete:

Christmas came to this jungle tea patch field today without the lights and tinseled trees, the holly wreaths, and tender symbols of the yuletide, but in each tent one could hear the crisp crumple of gift wrappings, and here and there some soldier bursts forth in singing, 'Glory to God In The Highest.' "Memories and prayers traveled back halfway around the world.

Morale was at low tide, and then someone yelled, 'chow!' – dehydrated food, 'Nay Sahib, --roast duck and fresh venison with all the trimmings. Happiness prevailed to the tune of 'Jingle Bells'

I received the Legion's gift a few days ago, also the News has started to arrive with the latest edition of October 13. I wish to thank you and the Legion for your kind efforts 'Malum.'

Have contacted Lt. Mayer and hope to arrange a meeting, but he seems to be kept busy rebuilding Burma. I'm still working at refueling. At present I am on the graveyard shift. We run a day and night service in order to please all customers. "If there are any fellows in the service from home that would like to rotate, please furnish them my APO.

Wishing you all the best for the New Year. -Ronald."

