

July 4th 1945

My Darling Melva,
Another day away from you. The only thing that reminded us that today was July 4th was the dinner they served us this evening. It was really superb, in fact this is the menu: Hawaiian Fruit Cup, Cream of Tomato Soup, Soda Wafers, Green Onions, Red Radishes, Celery, Ripe Olives, Green Olives, Roast Chicken with Sage Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas (Frozen), Fresh Carrots, Lettuce & Tomato Salad with a slice of Pineapple, Hot Parkerhouse Rolls, Bread, Butter, Strawberry Ice Cream Sundae (large), assorted Cookies, Coffee, Grape Punch, Candy, and a Cigar, all for 40¢. It was really delicious and well prepared. In fact this particular Junior Officers mess is the best place I have found in the service for food. Its incredible.

I miss you sweetheart so very much and its only been a short time since we said goodbye. It really seems like ~~ages~~ ^{ages}. I haven't had a chance to get into town as yet and look up anyone, but I hope to one of these days.

I just ran ~~across~~ Dan Jones of the Insurance Division, Great Lakes. He is a full Lt. now and has been in fighter direction for some time on an Escort carrier. He is about ready to go back to the States. He told me to say hello to you. I also saw Basso who used to be a Sp. 1st Class in 17th Battalion at Great Lakes. He is now a chief and playing baseball for some Navy team here on the Islands. I also saw Morena, now a LT(jg)

also. He kept brown nosing like he did at Great Lakes and is in charge of a Battalion of Negroes here.

Here in Hawaii you can get a 2 lb can of pineapple juice in ships service for 10¢ point free, my how different from the States I haven't seen anything of the Islands yet. In fact I haven't even been in Honolulu as yet. I am stationed between Pearl Harbor and Honolulu and so far have just seen Pearl Harbor. They have a nice Officers club there but is kind of hard to get at from here because of transportation.

I will be kind of glad to be assigned to a ship and not have to be packing and unpacking, also the laundry problem is bad. I'm afraid the only laundry that I am going to get done I will have to do myself.

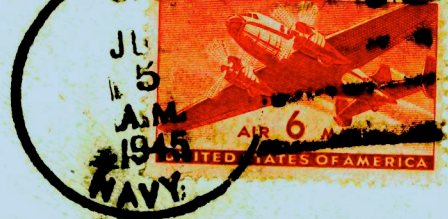
Has our gear arrived as yet from St. Simons? When it does I hope that Sea Bag arrives too. Also send me the Combination lock on the sea bag. The combination is written on the Ration Books. To open it turn the knob to the right stop at 16, then turn left past 16 and stop at 32, then turn right to 10 and it should open. I hope the doctor says everything is O.K.

when ~~you report~~ ^(a little mercy isn't it) see him the 7th.
Well "Cutie" I will close for now. I love you
with all my heart darling.

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