

Melba Darling,

8

10 August 1945

Hello sweetheart, maybe I will see you sooner than I expected to. More atomic bombs and Russia entering the war may soon mean the end is here. I surely hope so. The only trouble is most of us will have to stay out here for a long time after it is really over.

I saw your Uncle today, which is really a surprise. He says everything is fine with all the folks. I'm still riding this old tub, but I guess life could be worse.

The old ocean is still calm and deep blue, nothing much different to write about, same old hot sticky weather. Bob Dewey left today along with some of the others. So there goes my bridge partner. We got to where we played pretty good together. In fact last night I bid and made a grand slam in clubs. Very thrilling in deed.

I am surely anxious to get my mail and find out how you are coming along. I am really looking forward to getting to my ship. That one thing I can say for this transport is that it will make my own ship really seem wonderful. I can get some mail, have a bunk with a mattress and locker space for my clothes, get my laundry done, eat in the wardroom and be treated as if I belonged to the same navy too.

21 August 11, 1945.

Heard the news this morning of Japan's offer of peace. It seems almost too good to be true. At any rate it doesn't look as if the war can last much longer now. My main desire is to get home to you as soon as possible and all the time I am traveling in the opposite direction further away. Such is life. Today I spent most of the time reading. It was cloudy and rained off and on practically all day. I kind of miss Bob Dewey we used to spend most of the time together either playing bridge or reminiscing.

I surely think of you often Darling. I keep wondering what you have doing, how you are getting along, how hard "Little Suzy" is picking. I miss our cuddling "Cutie". The fact is I miss you Sweetheart.

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Well the war still isn't over, but things still look good. We heard this morning of the United Nations stating that Japan could keep the Emperor if he would do as he was told by the Allied Supreme Commander in Japan, and now we are waiting for Japan's reply. There is a possibility I may get off this ship tomorrow, at least the mail should, so I will finish this letter now. I love you darling and am looking forward to getting your letters.

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