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My Darling Wife,

Well Sweetheart I'm still out here about 150 miles from Japan. There hasn't been a single Jap plane in the air over the ocean since the final acceptance was announced by President Truman, and that was a day or two before I reported on board.

You probably noticed in yesterday's letter I gave the location of our ship and how many are with us, etc. That's because they finally relaxed the censorship regulations so that now we can tell where we are, what we are doing and who is with us, but we can't give out any information as to future operations! The only trouble is no one knows what we are going to do next. About all censorship does now is prevent us from telling what our guesses & hunches are. My big hope is that we head back to the States rather soon.

I had the watch from 8 to 12 this morning and ran another interception

2/ of course it turned out to be a B-29 showing bogey.

The Siconderoga was operating in the same group with the Reno off Luzon when the Reno was hit. In fact a Suicide Plane just missed the Siconderoga just before that. It was the first introduction to the war zone for this ship.

Today they sent a destroyer off after the mail and it should get back sometime tomorrow evening. That means mail call in a day or two, I hope.

I don't see how the Navy is going to keep enough fellows in to man the fleets after the emergency is over and six months. I haven't heard of anyone that wants to stay in or ship over to Regular Navy. The trouble is they probably won't declare the emergency over with for a year or so.

Tell the Shivelands hello for me or I should say the Adams, Aquilars, and the Shivelands.

All my love,
Floyd

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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