

Wednesday
September 12, 1945

Darling Floyd,

Oh Sweetheart, I love you so very much! At long last I received a letter from you today. It was written September 2nd and was number "27," which means there are nine letters missing. I received your last letter on August 21st and it was written August 14th and was number "17." You wrote that one while you were in the Philippines before you had reached your ship. So I don't know where you were on V-J day, when you reached your ship, and whether or not you received my letters which should have been on the Iconderoga upon

your arrival. In today's letter you say, "am still waiting for your wonderful letters." That a confusing mixup! My goodness - I hope you've received some of my letters; I've written every day. I hope those nine missing letters show up soon. It's lucky we've numbered our letters.

Anyway. I know you are aboard the Ticonderoga and near Japan and you are safe. You said that you wrote to the folks relating your experiences since Eniwetok. I'm writing Mother tonight for that twelve page letters.

Today I went to Mare Island to see the doctor and I'm doing very well - gained two more pounds!

but the doctor said it was okay.
I go back again September 24th.

I ordered baby announcements today and I almost swooned when the clerk said \$10⁰⁰ for the fifty. We may be getting the doctor and hospital for nothing, but wow! everything else is making up for it. At least when we have our next baby it can wear the first one's "hand-me-downs".

Since I received your letter today I've just ached with loneliness. You're so far away and I miss you so terribly. It was wonderful to read your letter. I paused over all the endearing parts. The most perfect thing in the world to me is

knowing that you love me so much and miss me as much as I miss you. You are the most perfect person I've ever known and I am all the more lucky that anyone so wonderful loves me. In other words, Darling, I worship you and most humbly. I pray every night that you be sent home safely and very soon.

Goodnight, my Sweetheart.

All my love,

Melva

P.S. Darling, in order to send you a cable when the baby comes I have to have a Navy number like you had at Pearl Harbor, (Navy 91 and later Navy 128.) Western Union says your J.P.O. address would take as long as an airmail letter. Please investigate immediately the procedure I must go through.