

Oct. 17, 1945

Yontan Field.

Okinawa

My darling:

Your letter Oct 9 in tonight - first one since Sept 26 - that's 14 days between letters - too too long!

Cleared the port yesterday - so many things to do - came here to transient camp to sweat out a plane to Oahu. Found there were no ships going & decided air would best. Hope the damn thing gets there as it's quite a piece - 28 hours flying time.

Three tough ones here today - one burned, one blew a tire on take-off & ground-looped & ran off the end. The planes are like our jeeps - they need repairs.

No C-54s (4 motor transports) in today so we sit here & wait - lousy camp - on the ground again - but I don't care - we're going HOME.

Sorry I forgot to write Barbie, but I did not wake up to the fact that it was her birthday until that week & was then too late to write. Also, she was to send me some information & I never got it!

X Army gave me a Jap revolver & shoulder holster as souvenirs. When I got back from breakfast this AM it was gone - stolen - & only officers in the area. It makes me sick the way these guys steal you blind. It's just awful.

The things I am looking forward to most are sitting on a flush toilet and eating beef steak - no - I don't mean at the same time! Also will be glad to see the Leuix family¹,

¹ I was baptized, 60-some years ago, with Godparents, whose name I only heard from my father. It was a memorable name, but I have never seen it anywhere except here - pronounced "Loycks", it was probably Leuix.

Rubensons, Erskines etc. in Honolulu. Will spend a day or two in Oahu & then on to San Francisco - either by air or water - depending on what is available. Will wire you from the coast as soon as I find out what is what about trains east.

I just looked at your letter again & find it was written October 1 & mailed on the 9th - 8 days later. Darling - how could you?

Spent last evening with Col Gruitck & enjoyed it very much. He's a great guy - as you may have gathered. Sent Redeker a negative of the 2 of us. Ask him for it.

We may get out in this morning - again we may not - but hope we do. Honolulu will seem like home - compared to this place. Oh darling. I am excited & thought I could never get very excited about anything again. And remember that I adore you - I almost forgot to tell you - and don't lock the bedroom door! Goodnight precious - I love you.

Henry

Henry.