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My Beloved Darling,

Now it appears as if almost everything is settling down to normal. The picture I previously gave you of my environment has changed, and I believe this time permanently, at least during my stay over here. Now located in a school house that has comfortable quarters. We have beds to sleep on and good hot showers that will be able to take almost daily.

Last night the official ending of the war was read to us and there wasn't any cheers or excitement whatsoever, those that were sleeping kept on snoozing away, others that were reading or writing continued. In back of every one mind is CBI. One encouraging article I read in the Stars and Stripes, is that the majority of combat troops will first get a twenty one day furlough in the States before departing for the Pacific. Did I write you the above sentence in yesterday's letter? If so, sorry that you have to re-read it.

Was delighted to receive five letters from you darling. Three I mailed dated April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> plus two air mail letters dated April 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

I wouldn't want to build up your hopes darling, in telling you when I expect to return home because then I would only be building up my own hopes, and I really haven't any idea. Nothing has been

mentioned thus far, there is a rumor that the percentage of men that will be going home on rotation has been increased. A few fellows have more overseas time than I have, therefore sweetheart I guess we will have to wait a while longer before we can continue our joyful and unforgettable times we spent together.

We were just oriented on what is planned for us in the form of entertainment. Shortly we are supposed to have motion pictures three times a week, plus once in awhile U.S.O. shows all kinds of sports, mainly baseball and volleyball will be at our disposal.

I believe I'll discontinue using a mail stationery honey, because I feel that air mail will arrive as quickly and I know you would prefer regular letters to those miniature letters.

Just think no more black out to worry about, it's almost unbelievable. Even the vehicles now roar the highway with full head lights. It certainly must be a relief to the drivers but dearest, the lights aren't on all over the world yet.

Good night my love, please rest dear and sleep well, I know I will also just dreaming of you,

● KISS

I've waited this long and I certainly can wait a while longer in loving you as I do so much do even though we are separated but our <sup>lovely</sup> ~~memories~~ <sup>memories</sup> sparkle in my mind I miss you immensely and will as long as we must use this means of communication. Give my love to your Gen