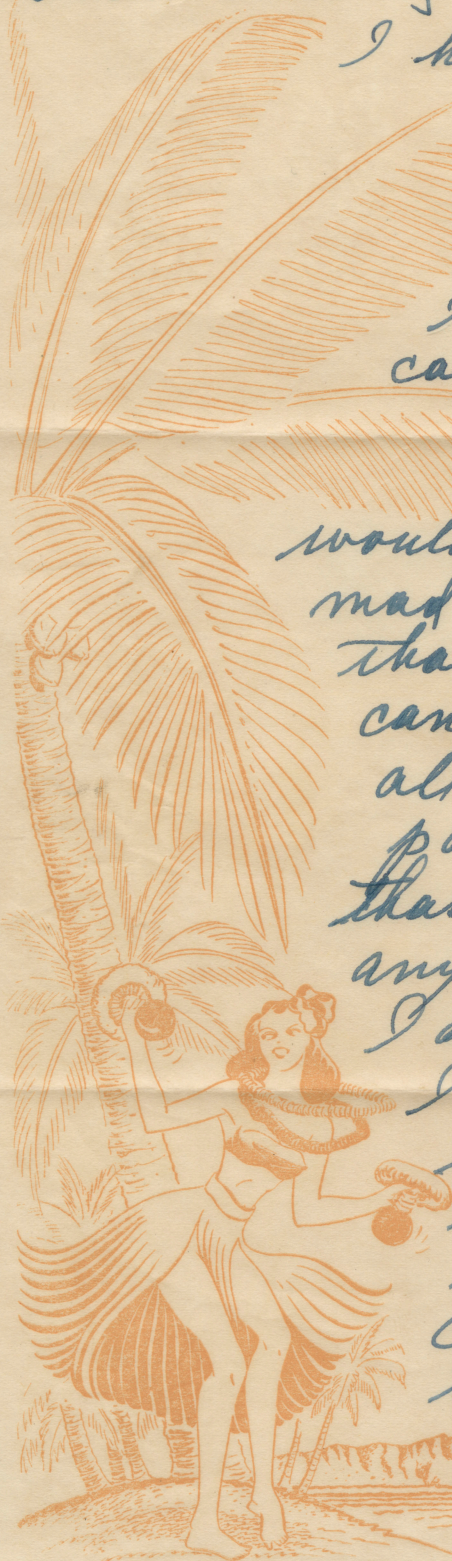


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August 24, 1945

Dearest Darling

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I am going to do, well  
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to my old job of  
being a sailor  
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Bessie Darling

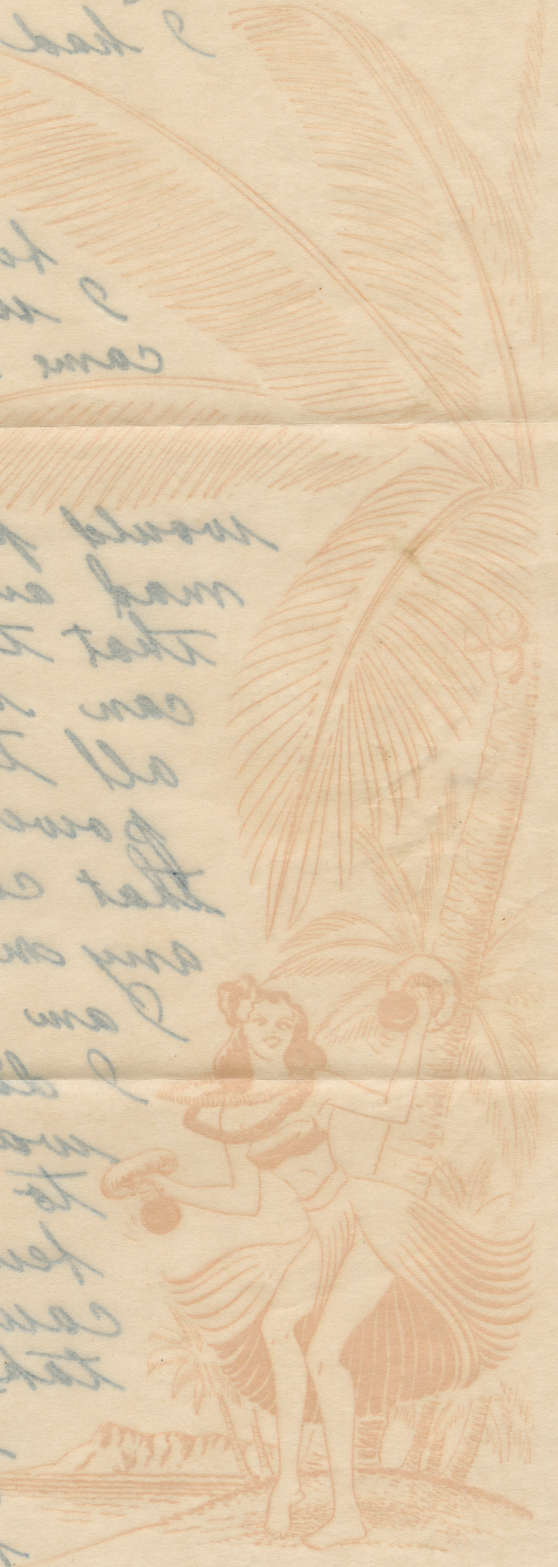
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I know its not going to be easy but for you I'll do any thing, even work. No kidding though I don't know exactly what I will do. I'd like to go to work for some railroad. You see I am a Diesel engineer. What ever I do it will have to be steady and pay well cause now I have a wife to look after. as for getting along with my family, you can forget that. They will love you if for no other reason than the fact that you married me. Not that they think I'm so hot but for the fact that I've settled down. You see I used to go and come at will and the folks said I had the "wander lust" and thought I'd never amount to any thing. Well maby I won't but I'm certainly going to try just for your sake. O.K.? On top of all of that, I love you so I don't care if they don't like you. I do and that is all that matters. Don't worry your pretty little head about it.

Our home - Well that will be ours and the way you want it fixed up is the way it will be. How is that?

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III

You asked what I wanted for Xmas. You know what I want. You. And from that, I hope to be a civilian by then so don't send anything to me out here. I'd probly never get it any way. For instance look ~~at~~ at those photos you mailed to me. They have been on the way for over a month and they haven't showed up yet. I'll tell you what. You can buy me (I hope), a new suit of civies. O.K.? I won't be able to get you anything out here so I'll send you the money and let you get what you want. I know it isn't the same as a present but sweetheart there is nothing out here you would want.

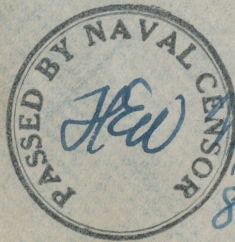
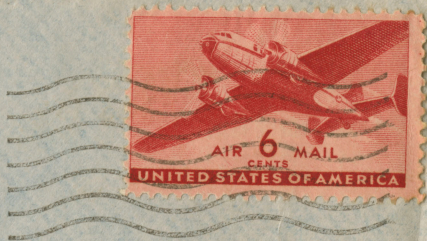
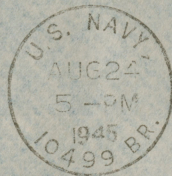
Will you do me a favor? Please have faith in me. I may not be as wealthy as some of your ex boy friends but I'll try to make you a good husband. I guess I'd better sign off for now so I say G'night Darling - I'll love you always -

your Loving husband  
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your loving husband  
 Walter.

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