

Sept 10, 1945
Kweiyang, China.

Dear Mother and Dad,

Two most notable occasions have just transpired. First this horrible holocaust has ended with good prospects of readjusting for a permanent peace and secondly the censorship regulations have been lifted by the G.I.s. I cannot decide which is the more important to be able to write and express oneself or to have peace and be a free man. Both are worth fighting for.

Perhaps August the 10th was the most memorable date for me, at least it was during that day that I felt the final release of 4 years pent-up emotion. This true enthusiasm came as a result of a Chinese rumor that the Japs had temporarily ceased hostilities. Naturally it was just one of the many rumors that enjoyed circulation in the army but coming at a time that it did I personally considered it as true because of the fact that all progress in the war at that time reflected a sudden collapse of Japanese resistance. Naturally with the 95th on the war-path and with the atomic bomb expressing its potentialities as a weapon, they could do nothing but concede the victory. Anyway, it is over now and I say I cannot but help react with joy and relief in being able to plan ahead with assurance of those plans being realized.

Here in Kweiyang, and on the basis of the Chinese rumor, the end of the war was announced by flying flags and a general civilian enthusiasm. The Chinese demonstration lasted for about 20 minutes and the few groups of people who had been informed soon reverted to their normal life and routine. Apparently they have become immuned to wars and victory but to me they did not indicate that their response was normal. In late afternoon a special Chinese newspaper appeared on the