Off the northern coast of Japan.

Sept. 8 - 1945

Dear Sister. I wonder how you are today. Fine I hope. I'm getting along OK. But I'd rather be home than where I am right now. although its quite a bit different this time to what it was when I was this close to Japan last February. At least they are not shooting at us this time.

We are the flag ship for the North pacific fleet. Admiral Fletcher is in command of the occupation forces for the Northern part of Honshu and Hokaido. And I'm one of the little men that has to go in. We had four (4) Jap Officers on board our ship today signing some kind of occupation agreement.

They are a lousy looking people. Personaly I think my uniform is better than the Jap Admiral had on today. And talk about giving some one the cold shoulder. Admiral Fletcher dident even go around the Jap Admiral at all. He left it up to men of less rank. We all got a kick out of that.

I dont know how long we have to be out here. But I hope not long.

I'm ready to come home now.
I wrote and told you about John Edd spending the night with me a few months ago. And you thought we were on the same ship. I couldn't tell you then. But we got hit at Okinawa. And was in Hawaii getting repaired when John Edd came by from the States. And he spent one night with me and came over to see me several times. I sure was glad to see him. (JOHN EDD SPENT 6 YEARS IN THE NAVY ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS)
Well here it is, The 8th of Sept. and I'll try to finish my letter.
We are going into the Omaraka Area now. We started through the straights about 6.AM and we will anchor at about 2.30 or 3.PM. We have some Japs on board to guide us through the mine fields.
I can see the Island of Japan very plainly from here.
Well I guess I'll stop and get busy.
I'll try to write again in a day or so.
Tell all the kids hello. And write me when you can.

Lots of love to you all.
Kenick.

P.S. I made my "rate."

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