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Dearest Leona,

The day we have all been dreaming about for such a long long time has finally come. V-J day has made every American I've seen very very happy. Though we haven't the slightest idea when we'll be coming home we know that it will be many months sooner that we thought it would be a week ago!

In every respect war is frightfully destructive especially as it concerns the health, character and morals of so many people. I've seen enough to know something of the cost of the peace that has been won and know that it must be guarded as our most precious treasure. With all my heart I am glad that the chapter entitled "World War II" in the history of the world is now over.

As for me my grand total of 34 points does not make me anticipate an early return to the states. Am happy to say that my work is interesting and that time usually passes very quickly.

You mentioned something about wanting a camera in one of your recent letters. I think I have succeeded in finding one that you would like and am putting the United States Post Office Department to work to see that you get it.

Leona many many times during the past eight months I have wanted to tell you more about what I was doing than I could because of censorship regulations. I am enclosing an account of some of my activities written more or less in diary form.

My detachment hasn't moved in the past month but the army units in the area have changed twice and consequently so has our address. The mail has gotten tied up somewhere in the line and we haven't gotten any in a couple of weeks. Has made me realize how much I miss your letters.

I would like so much to talk to you and wish that you were here to help me celebrate this great occasion.

Much love,

Wingald W. Hudson