

May 3rd, 1943

Dear Afton;

I am once again back in the code room. However you will note that I am now typing on a typewriter with lower case letters. Since I was here their requisitions for a new typewriter has been complied with.

I believe it has been some five days since I wrote you last. Shortly after reporting back for duty I was placed in charge of a shift in the code room which has kept me quite busy. In fact so much so that I hav'nt had time to knock it out on a typewriter--- and I don't want to subject you to my own scribblings only when there is no typewriter available. Also since that time I have recieved two letters from you. I was mighty gald you had a letter waiting for me when I got back. It seemed mighty good to sit down and read one of your letters. And then only two days later I recieved another one from you. Am glad you liked the flowers. I only wish I could have been there to walk with you in the Easter Parade.

I hav'nt yet been able to locate Roy . I learned from an officer here in the code room that he saw him in L. A. and he was then en-route to San Diego to report for active duty. I checked with the commandants office and they had no record of him. You might check with Bonnie and then send me his address.

I am flying to Mesa Arizona next sunday afternoon to spend my 48 hour liberty. You see Eddie Kimball can arrange any flight for me like this any where I care to go. When I get assigned to a ship I will be given a four day leave after each cruise and I may be

able to fly in to Salt Lake for a day or two.

I finally got my picture taken. I can't decide yet whether it is even a reasonable facsimile. However I trust it will do. I am sending it tomorrow so it should get to you by fri or sat. And say Afton what would be the chances of getting a larger one of you. I still have the one of you in a small leather folder and have been taking it with me wherever I go. While on board ship I opened up a port hole quite by mistake and before I knew it I had a good part of the Pacific in my room. Among the articles soaked was your picture. However I carefully dried it out and unless one inspects it closely the picture is none the worse for its experience.

I too hope I am in San Diego long about July 23rd. Best it assured I shall do all I can to see that I am. Probably I shall be permanently assigned to some ship by then and my one hope now is that at least some of the time I shall be in port. If not we may have to get married before I could get leave. At least these *those* are the circumstances that an emergency leave is governed by. But be that as it may, I do know that I must see you. Only then can we both determine just what action should be taken and what developments have taken place--since I last saw you--in the case of Paul Felt versus Afton Harris. Even mere contemplation of this both thrills and frightens me. "Swelpme" never before have I given it such sober consideration. My hope and prayer now is that such is in the cards. Well time alone will tell.

Hurry and write. Your letters are manna from heaven.

Affectionately,

*Paul*