my dear son Johnny,

well, son, things are certainly popping where you are, so all I can say is that I hope you’re well and may God bless & protect you.

we only found out last week that the 5th division was in Okinawa - I don’t know where our boys were when writing the papers previously. we knew of the battle but not of your participation in it. as soon as we did read of it, we searched our cellars to get all the old papers out one could read up on it. by the way, I mean my family. I knew something was up because we hadn’t heard from Walt in nearly two months. anyway, I hope Walt is okay. nothing off that subject I’ll get back to your letter.

thirty, I was glad to hear that you are well and up in Surfside. lucky for you that you picked him out of the crowd in that theater. How were the Red Cross girls? Walt sent us 2 pictures of Red Cross girls - Charlotte and I think Downtown. I wonder if they’re the same ones you saw.
So you beat Walt at Big Toy. That game the score now and does it?

I'm glad you heard from your brother. If things go as well as expected in Europe, he'll be home soon.

You explained very nicely; the duties of sea-going mankind as thanks depuis. Not the funny part. The wife (my cousin) what I wanted to inform of these duties has not been abroad to hear them for he and my girlfriend broke their tentative engagement and haven't been abroad since.

I went skating last week and had a very nice time but had I known this that you and Walt were going through a battle I never would have enjoyed it.

My cousin though I lost a shot in the arm in Aktion. Another friend of mine is in Aktion and he's with the Army. He more lost Tom me come and she is quite a good friend of Walt's. Anyway wasn't he so well. They received your two pictures and I just loved them. The one of you alone I have in my wallet and the other of you and Walt I'll have in my album. You look very well and so usual very attractive to me. I think you look very sweet not like your description. But you up to one swells me. - right?
I hope you'll overlook my change of stationery and my mistakes.

No, I have not been answering you in my letters. I've always written you sincerely, honestly.

I like you for you're truthful and frank. In your letter you told me that you liked me via mail but did not love me and then you asked if I understand what you mean. Well, I definitely do understand and you are very right. And you said you loved me; I probably should not have believed it for it wouldn't be logical. You have good sense, Johnny, and I respect you for it. I hope when we meet, Edward does step in but time will tell.

I suppose you know by now that I'm working in the Hotel of Kobe in Japan. I can be an office clerk and the languages I know in Tokyo are nice. The office is very modern and nice. Is it in only 8-10 minutes from my hotel? I love.

Honey, I know you can't write much so don't worry about anything. I presume you're Catholic but anything else, too? I like a calendar in church for you, my brother's cousin, and I always say prayers.
you'll notice this letter was written on different leaves as that's another reason for it seeming jumbled. At the beginning we had not heard from Wilt till the next day, so we received a letter from him in which he stated George had also said he saw you.

By the way, Alistair is considered one of the toughest lads, and this fits in all the papers we're seeing the clipping from, because they are important to us.

Last night, a rumor spread that Russia surrendered unconditionally to us, England but some will not be accepted until Russia is notified by Germany. The end of summer may be expected any day now. Work up your chin up to be my dearest hope. I don't know whether the newspaper will click up soon thereafter. I'm going to see a Broadway show tonight. "The Notorious Mrs. Alpert" with Ruffner. It sounds good. Nothing else to report for now. God bless you. Love you.

Corinne