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Dear Mother & Daddy –

Those wonderful words “Japan has accepted the terms of the Potsdam Treaty” have been officially confirmed and it gives us all a glorious feeling – a satisfied and proud feeling – oh, just all kinds of feelings – mixed emotion, I guess you’d call it! When I heard it repeated over and over and over on the radio, I broke into goosebumps and tears! That radio was saying the very words we’ve dreamed of and hoped for and fought hard for!

I have been thinking of you both very frequently these past days of anxious waiting – wondering how you reacted to the news and what was going on in Ft. Worth. And I haven’t received a letter from home for about 5 or 6 days – certainly hope you are all ok – I really worry when I don’t get mail regularly from home. Always try to figure that it’s the mail service though.

Now that the war is over, my future looks like this to me:

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We have had a few peaceful celebrations here – but the daily routine continues. Isn’t it odd how one rather expects everything to stop when the war ends, but it goes on as usual instead. Just as when President Roosevelt died, for a while I felt that everything must stop.

Anyway this is the end of this letter – surely hope I hear from you to-morrow! Hope you are all well – am sure you are happy!

Love, Maxine

Happy V-J Day!!!