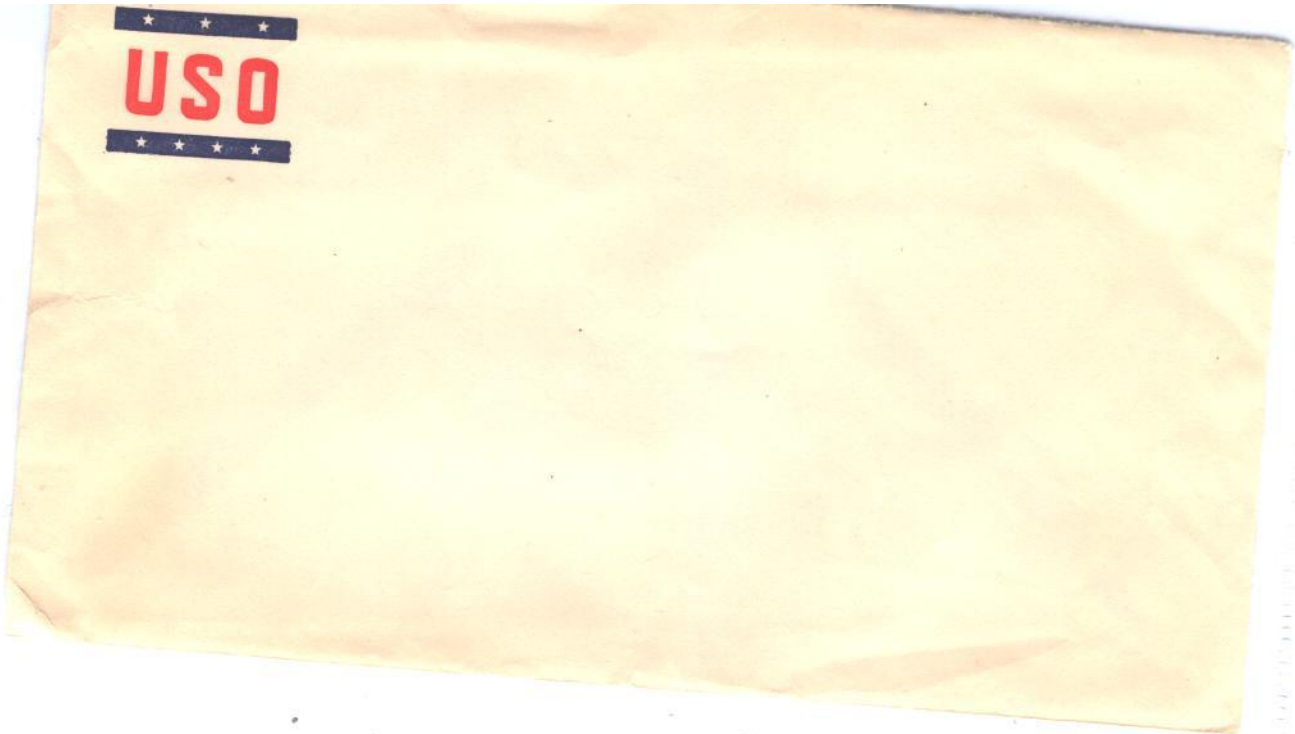


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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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15 April 1955

HI POP,

I tried to make it to the post office before it closed but just couldn't make the grade. I sure hope you and Mom are in the best of health and feeling well. I'll send camera just as soon as I receive yours. I won't be able to do a darn thing tomorrow as I have SHORE PATROL from 8:00 to 3:00 I don't

know whether or not it's in the evening or in the morning. Sure will spoil my liberty that I had planned on for Sunday. I had planned on playing golf and shooting a few pictures, but if I have shore patrol in the evening I won't feel like much golf Sunday morning. We are in this week and back out for a other week and then in for the full 12 days left in the states. I will call before I leave the states and pay for it myself. I'm sending \$20.00 in this letter

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for you as part of the phone payments on the two calls that I have made in the past weeks. I hope it will cover at least one of the calls I'm sure if it doesn't the next payment will just about clinch it. I got paid \$70.00 today and still have it right in my pocket and it will leave \$50.00. But I have to mail the shoes on Sunday sometime as I found out there is one Post Office open all day long and I'll mail camera along with it in two separate packages. I'm sure that you and Mom have sent me a couple of letters but I haven't received but two this past week. I'll forgive you two. Be good and take care of yourselves for me and say hello to all the folks for me. I'll get a card for Grandma Richey after while and mail it also. I'm positive it's room 24<sup>d</sup> I think so don't you. I guess you know for sure what room it is. Although I think' it's 248 I'll insure the Rolleiflex for \$250.00 and you

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finally get the LEICA AND ROLLEI insured .  
I'll get the glasses in Japan and don't  
worry about CONTAX. I've been thinking a lot  
lately and I sort of like the Linhoff 2½x3¼  
Press camera. it sells for \$575.00 with all  
three lenses in the states and I could possible  
get it for the Price of the contax if I sold it  
and the Rollie. I wouldn't let the Rollei got  
for ~~x~~ no less than \$150.00 and the CONTAX for  
no less than \$200.00 I think you are assured of  
your CONTAX with two more lens or I'll have a  
LINHOFF. I could get it in Hong Kong, China for  
about \$300.00 with all lenses. Well enough of  
that as it's only a thought and not nothing t get  
all steamed up about. I was just thinking out  
loud. Ha Ha. So long for now and take good vcare  
of Mom and the dog. I'll write later on in the  
week while ~~we~~ are at sea. I guarantee at least

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Hh F  
five or six letters for you by Firday of this  
coming week. So long and write when you can  
and don't go getting all steamed up over my  
talk about the LINHOF. So long for now.

Your Pal & Shadow,

Bobby

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