

One-Liners That Changed My Life!

11 “*THE WAR IS FINALLY OVER! THANK GOD!*”

After two atomic bombs in early August of 1945, it appeared Japan would surrender. But on August 14, we were informed the war was on again, and ordered to strike the Akita refinery at the north end of the main island. I described our anxiety this way in my diary:

Tonite is the nite. We go on the longest bombing range ever conceived by man. Nearly 4000 miles non stop carrying 52 250# bombs and only 6785 gals of gas.

After the raid, while still several hundred miles from our home base back on Guam, the radio operator jumped from his chair and told us the good news. We were ecstatic! Here is my diary entry:

*Coming home we heard the Big News—after 3/12 years—the **WAR IS FINALLY OVER! THANK GOD!***

There is no way to describe our joy and relief. Celebrations went on everywhere. Ours was so big we were grounded for days. It took months to bring the millions of men back to the U.S. I arrived home on July 4, 1946. WWII changed all our lives. At age 20, I summarized it this way in my final diary entry:

I wouldn't part with it for a million dollars & I wouldn't go thru it again for another million.

Few generations escape the awful blight and curse of War. I pray that each one will know how to handle the crises in their lifetime, and we will all realize the only real peace will come from following Jesus and living eternally with Him in His Kingdom!

From Grandpa With Love

A Note From the Writer

Moving into my nineties caused me to reminisce. It was eye-opening to realize how much I had been changed by one-liners. I decided some of these might give others a new insight or a chuckle, so—enjoy! You can reproduce this material, provided the copies are complete, including this copyright note, and circulated free of charge. © 2016 Marvin J. Martin