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## Letter from Fr. Leonard Amrhein to Catherine Amrhein.

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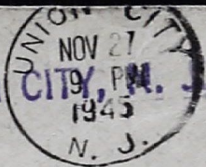
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From THE SIGN, UNION



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Until further notice address  
all mail to: Catholic Mission,  
Yüanling,  
Hunan,  
China.

What a racket outside! Sounds like I don't know what you see we up in a plane now on our way too? I almost didn't make the trip. When I got into town, the American officer in charge had already sent in his list. First he told me, I would — woop we hit an air pocket — just a bump — have to wait till the next trip. Later he saw the major and fix things up for me. So here I am. Bye Peking. I wouldn't have minded a couple more days in the old camp. But now I'm glad I'm on my way.

We on the ground again. Trip 10,000 feet, 180 mi per hr. cold — hit snow & ice. Mostly foggy. American soldiers told care of us — and how! God bless them. Just as though we knew them all our lives.

Have to hurry now. We might leave for next stop any time now. Last chance to get this on its way. So long.

Leonard.

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Aug. 31, 1945  
2:08 A.M.

Dear Mom,

I just finished packing my junk. We are leaving Peking tomorrow about 2 P.M. by plane for the missions. It all came very suddenly. I heard the news, that some of the Fathers were leaving by plane tomorrow, at about 7:00 P.M. About an hour later I heard we were included - if we wanted to go. I was so befuddled that I refused. It was only after I calmed down - after I was already in bed - that I changed my mind. So here I am sitting up till day break - for there isn't a bit of sleep in me - to run downtown and report my change of mind. I hope I'm not too late. I must be there before 8:30. So here's hoping.

This letter is coming through the courtesy of one of the Fathers who is going home - Leonard. (over)