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France  
30 November 1944.

My Dearest,

Tonight I received three letters. Two of them were from you written Nov. 13th and 16th and one from Mother & Dad written the 12th.

Darling, I wish that I might actually have been home with you as you dreamed I was. My thoughts and dreams often keep me awake but once I go to sleep I sleep so soundly that even when I do dream I seldom remember the dreams after I awaken.

In your letter of the 16th you said that you may have to work every day until after the Xmas rush, and I certainly hope not because that will mean you will have less time for letter-writing  
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than of late even. And I have  
been getting very little mail lately,  
so what will it be when you go  
to working full time.

You complain about not  
getting mail regularly, and then  
you mention getting a whole stack  
of mail at one time. Honey, I can't  
help it when the mail is irregular,  
but, darling, knowing how much  
your letters mean to me I promise  
you that I will do my best to  
write every day or every other day.  
However, I know that you have  
about as much time to write as I  
do even when you are working, &  
a lot more time when not  
working. So, sweetheart, keep the  
letters coming from your end of  
the line, too. (next sheet)

You mention getting the write-ups about ~~IX~~ Corps. I have recently sent you a map charting the route of advance that ~~IX~~ Corps followed through France up to Verdun. Since the time the Corps left Verdun you can follow the news at home, anyway.

Glad that you are hearing from Tommy again, and so far as the service stripes and ribbons go that he will be wearing when he returns from the latest campaigns - he is welcome to them. They are all very nice while in the service, but even headquarters troops like us get battle stars and awards that the fighting units attached to the headquarters get, so they will be plentiful before the War is over.  
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Nearly all troops overseas will have some awards or stars on their overseas ribbons, except perhaps the troops that handle supplies and never go near any fighting front or the troops stationed in the main headquarters of each overseas theater, anyway.

You ask what I am authorized to wear. Well, honey, I don't know exactly what battle stars we are authorized but understands that we are authorized three battle stars on our ETO ribbon (ETO for European Theater of Operations).

The middle of January we will be entitled to wear two bars representative of six months overseas each.

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Then, we are all entitled to wear a wreath design emblem on the right sleeve of our blouse and shirts as an emblem of the unit citation awarded to the 38th MRU recently. I am enclosing a copy of the Citation for this award. Add it to the collection of souvenirs, honey.

So, I guess that I can legitimately wear an ETO ribbon with 3 battle stars, Overseas service bar on the left sleeve of blouse, & meritorious service emblem on right sleeve to date. We do not wear the blouse at all so do not wear any of the decorations or worry about them. Before we go back to the States  
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we will be issued the proper decorations and given orders to show that we are entitled to some.

But who are we to worry about such things. We would a lot rather get home one day earlier than to receive all the pretty decorations to be awarded.

I never wanted anything so much in my life as I now want to go home to you and Laura, and like millions of other G.I.'s am just "sweating it out" until the long-awaited for day arrives. I will do my job the best I know how, honey, because I am interested in my work & take pride in having it right.

But now, darling, I must say goodnight, sweetheart. I love you, dearest. Yours, Cliff