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ENGLAND

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Wednesday.

Dearest Shirley,

I got your letter of the 31st of Jan. yesterday. You stated that you had not heard from me in some time and that the last letter you had from me was dated Jan 9th. You were wondering if I was getting your mail regularly and thought that if it was getting to me in bundles you might just as well write less often and write longer letters. Honey, don't ever stop writing regularly. Your letters reach me almost in sequence and one at a time in order. I depend on those regular letters, and the very fact that I do miss a few days or even a week or so in writing to you is proof in itself that we are either terribly busy or moving. You would hear from me or about me otherwise, but complete silence means either some movement shrouded in secrecy or else I am

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extra busy. Once in a while I may miss writing for a day or two when I do not feel too well or am so tired that I go right to bed, and once in a while I may miss writing when I go out on a pass. But I promise you, honey, that I will write to you as regularly and as often as I possibly can. So please do the same, honey. I do enjoy your letters so much and depend on them to keep me posted. I especially like to keep up to date on Laura's latest accomplishments.

Maybe you are wondering what Army life in England is like. Well, some things are a lot better here than in the States. We get G.I. laundry and dry cleaning here free of charge. We are limited in the number of pieces that we can send to the laundry, but the service is good and they do a good

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job. The cleaning service is quite slow but also a very good job done, and no charge.

We have G.I. movies in the day room on Wednesday and Saturday nights — also free. We have a P.D. that sells a few items which are rationed to us weekly by use of ration cards. We can get:

- cigarettes — 7 packs a week (which I don't use)
- candy bars — 2 bars ✓ ✓
- chewing gum — 1 pack ✓ ✓
- hard candy roll } — 1 roll ✓ ✓
- or life savers }
- cookies — 1 package ✓ ✓
- soap — 1 bar ✓ ✓
- razor blades — 2 blades ✓ ✓

In addition to these items we can get a few other items, when available, but not

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more often than once during a ration period (about 2 months). These additional items are such things as towels, wash cloths, shoe polish, shoe brush and cloth, clothes brush, etc.

Once in a while we can get a can of grapefruit juice, orange juice, peanuts, or such items that might readily be canned. These items are also rationed. Beer, and sometimes coke, is on sale in the P. N., too.

We have no complaints on our living quarters now at all. We didn't mind the tents so much, but we are better situated now.

The best thing we have here, though, is the food. We realize that this particular camp has unusually good meals, which are better than those

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of other camps nearby even. The food at the camp where we work is good but does not compare with the food we get at our home camp. So far the food we have been getting here has been better than the food we got in the States.

Well, darling, the G.I. show "True to life", the V-Mail letter, and now this letter have taken up my whole evening. It is almost time for "lights out" so I must sign off. Tell all the folks "hello" for me.

You are always in my thoughts, in my prayers, and in my heart. I love you more than you can ever know, and I live only for the day when we can be together again in our own home with our little daughter and a chance for happiness.

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Take good care of yourself and haura,  
honey. Just stay as sweet and as  
wonderful as you are, sweetheart, and  
always love me as I love you.

Keep writing, honey.

Goodnight, Shirley, dearest. Give  
haura a sweet goodnight kiss for  
daddy.

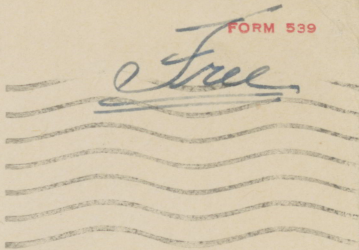
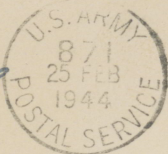
Your loving husband,  
Cliff



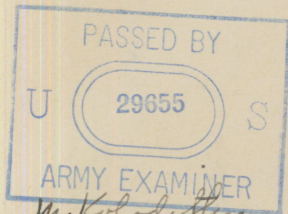
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