

France

5 September 1944

Tuesday

My Darling Wife,

Hello, honey. Now I have some big News!

Yesterday a new unit order came out promoting me to Technician 4th Grade. So, honey, I finally got that long sought after "Tec 4" rating I have wanted all along. The promotion was effective the 1st of September so I have been a sergeant or "T4" for a few days already.

Yesterday we were terribly busy and I had to work until late last night and had no time to write home. Then today we moved again and after getting set up at the new location tonight some of us got off long enough to go to a G.I. show put on (next sheet)

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by a special service company of G.I.'s. They had ~~on~~ a band, tap dancer, magician, and swell singer. The show lasted about an hour and was good entertainment.

Right after the show we came back to work and now (11:00 pm) I believe that I am at last able to write home.

Honey, it was quite a pleasant surprise to get that promotion. I have really worked, honey, and had to. When the last ratings were given out there was only one ~~74~~ left ~~in the~~ to open, and now I have that. Then, too, I had to live down that little affair from when I was home last December. You
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will remember that I told you then
that I might never get the \$44
just because I was late getting
back to camp.

Now I believe that I can
afford to increase my allotment
again, but I want to know that
the last increase went through ok
before I increase it again. As
yet I have no word that you
got the \$45⁰⁰ allotment check
instead of \$5⁰⁰ Class "E" allotment
beginning with the check you got in
August. Possibly the increase did
not go through in time to get to
you in August but if not you
should receive a check for
\$45⁰⁰ in September. Let me know
right away and if everything
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is ok I will increase the allotment again. In the meantime I can use the ^{extra} money this month anyway as I am rather short & I can get a reserve again. My budget is pretty strict but then there is not much that I need money for.

Honey, I still haven't had word that you got the \$25.00 I sent home while in England. You wrote that you got the \$50.00 but I am still waiting for news of the \$25.00 sent through Finance Dept. in time to get to

So, darling, as soon as you can, let me know one way or the other regarding the Class "E" allotment increase and the
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\$2500 check - both of which you should have before you receive this letter.

I hope that you are as happy about the new rating as I am. It will mean a little more money that I can send home to help pay for that home we want so badly after the War.

My pay (including overseas pay) will now be \$93.60. However, at present I have deductions for:

Dependency Class "F" Allotment	\$ 22.00
Class "E" ✓	25.00
Insurance	6.60
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	\$ 53.60

This would leave me \$40.00 a mo. But I don't need anywhere near (next sheet)

\$40⁰⁰ check a mo. I might spend it, but I am in the habit of getting along on about \$25⁰⁰ so I might just as well stay in that habit, don't you think?

Well, darling, it is almost midnight, so I must say goodnight my sweetheart until tomorrow. Pleasant dreams, honey. Give Laura a kiss for daddy.

I love you so much, Shirley, and long so to hold you close and be near you again - forever.

I live only for you and Laura, honey. No matter how long I am away from you nor no matter how far away I am, my heart, my thoughts, & my prayers are with you.
Yours forever,
Cliff

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