

Starnberg, Germany
26 August 1945 - Sunday

My Dearest,

Hello, honey. I pray that both you and Laura are well and ok. I am fine. Did not write to you last night as I went to the movie and afterward played one game of pinochle and went to bed.

The movie was "All These Endearing Young Charms" with Laraine Day and Robt Young. It was entertainment but that is about all I can say for it.

Received your letter of August 14 and 15 last night and as happy to get it as I always am. Your letters do mean so much to me honey. So there were big noises at home on August 14th\$\$ There was not much excitement here.

So far as I know now we are still scheduled to depart from this theater in February and that is a long way off. If I find out anything different I will let you know right away, but it may be some time yet before we hear anything one way or the other. One MRU is leaving from Third Army next month and those that will be left will have a pretty heavy load to carry for awhile, so I can not reasonably expect our unit to go for some few months yet. The end of the Japanese War and the speeding-up of demobilization plan may hasten our departure by a month or two but cannot mean an immediate departure from Europe.

If I get the commission as I expect to in a few days I may be in a position to get some advance dope whenever it is given out, but there is not much secrecy over here anymore since the end of the War and there is very little if any effort taken to keep sailing dates secret. Even at home the sailing dates for divisions, etc. has been published in the papers. So, when anything is released on the shipment of MRU's I will let you know what news I find out.

Yesterday afternoon I had to go to Third Army headquarters some forty miles from here and take some more papers up there on my application for commission as second lieutenant. That proves that they are acting upon my application, anyway. We should get something definite early this week, I hope.

I have several other~~RE~~ letters to write or answer at present which I have not gotten to while I have been so busy running around on this commission deal and guess that I will let them go another day or two now until I know definitely about the commission.

Darling, that is about all for today. We had the day off today and I slept late and have been on a tour of the lake this afternoon on a large steamboat. The Red Cross has these tours every Sunday afternoon and the tour takes about 2 1/2 hours to go around the entire lake. The boat really moves right along too so

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you can guess how large the lake is. Actually, it is about 12 miles long from tip to tip but one can see across it readily and make out buildings on the other side.

The tour was rather enjoyable. Three of us sat next to the window on the large steamboat and played pinochle as we enjoyed the leisurely ride on the boat. We played a couple of games and then went out to watch the bathers along the shore as we went by. It was a pretty day and the excursion was a pleasure. ~~WXX~~ ~~WXX~~ Wish that you might have been there--you and Laura.

Goodbye now, sweetheart. Remember always that I love you and long to be with you forever.

Your loving husband,

Cliff