

Starnberg, Germany
22 August 1945
Wednesday

My Darling Wife,

Good evening, honey. Gosh it seems that I never get enough time anymore. I have about six unanswered letters on hand now and have not written you a decent length letter in several days either. I did not appear before the board of Officers today but expect to appear tomorrow after I come back from completing the physical exam. I have to go to Munich to a general hospital the first thing after chow in the morning for the physical and to get the results of the X-ray, urinalysis, and blood test. Then, if I get back early enough I should appear before the board.

If all goes well I should be a second lieutenant in about five more days, but it is not definite yet. A lot of things could happen. But if all goes well I will be buying a new set of clothes with the clothing allowance ration coupons some time next week or possibly yet this week. As I understand it I will get part of the clothing allowance in coupons and part of it in actual cash. I am not going to buy a thing that is not absolutely required now unless it might be some shoes. I should have a good deal of money left over to last for the rest of my time in the Army as an Officer.

If all goes well I will have to cancel my allotments that I now have as I will be discharged as an enlisted man and appointed an Officer. I will make out new allotments, though, for the insurance and for you. I will draw a good deal more money but as yet I do not know the rulings on allotting Officers allotment money received for subsistence and quarters. I may not be able to allot more than a certain percentage of my base pay as is the case ~~in~~ for enlisted men. I may not be able to allot as much as I would like to but if such is the case I will make arrangements to send you the extra amount each month through Finance Dept. or by Postal Money Order so that you will get it just the same. I will find out about that later, though, and let you know.

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Honey, today I received the Anniversary Card from Mother which you forwarded and received two letters from Relva. I now have letters from Chester, Aunt Ona, Relva, and the one from Edna that you sent me. My letter writing has really been neglected lately--all except you, and I have written to you very regularly for a month or more now.

Well, sweetheart, that is about all for tonight. I love you, darling, more than you can ever know. Tell Laura that Daddy sends her his love too. Goodnight my blue-eyed darlings.

Your loving husband
and daddy,

Cliff

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My Darling,

Good evening, honey. I hope and pray that all is well with you and Laura. Everything is ok here. I went to Munich this morning and got the results on my X-ray, urinalysis, and blood test. Everything was normal so I took the rest of the physical exam and passed with flying colors. You would be interested to know that the medical officer put down my posture as "excellent" and my body structure as "slight." I am not skinny but am not fat by any means. I knew you would be interested in the posture item.

Well, after passing the physical the next thing was the board of officers. I went before the board this afternoon and was recommended for a commission and the recommendation stated "recommended with enthusiasm." How about that?

Tonight I went back to Munich and took my completed application, physical exam, letters of recommendation, and the record of board proceedings to the Major at the MRU at Army headquarters. Now it is just a matter of time until the papers can be approved at Third Army headquarters and forwarded to the European Theater headquarters and the commission granted to me. In anywhere from three to ten days I should know definitely and actually should be a second lieutenant.

I will let you know more as I find out more and will keep you up to date. I hope that you have received my letters in order telling all about ~~the~~ this Officer deal for I have had so little time to tell the complete story in each letter and have only added to the previous one.

One thing that is swell is that the fellows have wished me luck and most of them are really hoping for me and pulling for me to ~~the~~ get the commission. It will make it so much easier to have the men like me as an Officer. So often the men resent the Officers over them.

Honey, I am inclosing two pictures of the house in which I live now. I may be moving in a few days and move into the Officers quarters, but this is the house where I have lived ~~XXXX~~ for some time. Put it with the other souvenirs. Also, today I mailed the souvenir postcards I got at the Zugspitz Mt. last Sunday.

I received a nice letter from Mr. Rhudy today but may not be able to answer it for a few days. I will add it to the growing stack of unanswered letters I have now. Tell the folks hello for me and tell them I will write in a few days when things settle down a bit.

Goodnight now, my darling, see you in my dreams. I love you darling.

Your adoring husband,
Cliff

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