



AMERICAN RED CROSS

21 October 1943
Thursday

Dear Brother,

I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter written in Sept. and on Oct. 17 I certainly enjoyed your letter and hope to get more. Also, I would like to hear from Relva. This letter I received today was the first received from you or Relva in two months.

I am now getting mail sent to the Hospital dated way back in September. Maybe if I stay here long enough I can get all my back mail that is chasing me.

This place is about as bad as any Army camp I have seen or heard of, but I am thankful to be here and not with the shipment that I was supposed to go with. I thank God for a great favor.

I am now working hard, am making friends, am eating well, sleeping regularly, can visit my old camp & some old buddies, and am almost contented.

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I can go to a show nearly every night because the show changes every night or every other night and we have three theatres. We also have USO shows once or twice a week.

I work all day, and spend the evening visiting one of my buddies in the hospital, going to church, going to shows, and writing letters home. I don't have as much as five minutes to spare. I have to take my showers after lights out" quite often.

My days are long and busy, but I eat like a horse and seem to be getting fatter even though I do have long working hours. I haven't done any physical labor now for a month. I haven't been on any hikes or had drill in over two months. This is about the softest Army life that I have had.

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Being a Clerk on special duty exempts me from K.P. and I haven't been on K.P. since some time about the end of September. So, even though I have to work some nights I have a good clean and pleasant job in pleasant surroundings. The fellows I work with are swell and the non-coms and officers are tops.

Well, Joe, I have to sign off and get ready for bed. So, goodnight, & pleasant dreams.

Your brother,
Cliff

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