



FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA

May 19, 1943  
(Thursday)

Dear Sister & Brother,

I received your welcome letter today. I promise you that I will acknowledge receipt of any letters you send me if it is at all possible. I may not have time to write much, but I'm so glad to hear from you that I will answer in order to get you to write again. Don't wait too long between letters either.

I have been waiting a long time for your first letter. It takes so long for mail to go & return.

You may be having hot weather there, but you don't know what hot is. It is really hot here. Our barracks & drill field ~~to~~ are so close to the woods that we are in swarms of gnats. The little gnats bite our necks, legs, arms, wrists, ears, & generally drive us wild when we are standing in ranks & can't swat them. Then the bites itch like mosquito bites, only smaller, & we get little sore places all over our ankles,

wrists, etc. Some fun.

Crash, but we do get tired, but it is toughening us up. We are learning things here faster than in any school I ever went to. It is a gruelling training, to say the least. So far your big brother has been keeping up his end. I believe that I'll make it as well as the next fellow and better than some.

Well, I have to go now.

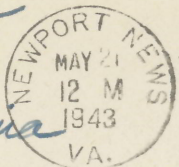
Lots of love.

Your brother,

Cliff

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