

7 July 1945, 2100
Saturday eve.
England

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No mail again yesterday or today - but I am still here and still working – but tonight I do have some news - but not about any orders bringing me home. They have not come.

Your old man is now – as of about 1400 this afternoon – the Executive Officer of the 106th – second in command of the unit. It is a big job – only the C.O. has higher authority. I now see to it that his policies are carried out – that all functions of the hospital are properly coordinated, etc., etc. I no longer pull O.D. I am C.O. when Col. Miller is off the Post. It is a job of grave responsibility, as you undoubtedly understand.

I will try my best to do a good job and give him my undivided and absolute loyalty. As a side item of information, you know of course, that it puts me in line for a promotion, too! Well, I guess I might as well work for that since I am essential to the Army. Our orders should be in any time now. I am living out of my val-pak now & hope not to have to continue that too long. I guess you should be proud of me. I am a bit shaky with the newness of my authority for my part. I will now more than ever have to be a perfect soldier.

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Hope the girls are fine. Thank Mother for her letters & tell her the news, will you, dearest?

All my great love to you, sweetheart.

Always, your Ted

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