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Dearest Folks -

I've started to write this
now about ten times — so I'll
finish it up and then go to
bed x Am so tired I can't
see straight x

Things in general have been
going fine for me x I think I've
got as good a chance as any
I'd get in France now x I
was taken in by the Commanding
Officer (of one of the biggest sections

in France) and make his
confidential secretary and right
hand man. It is a real
opportunity, because it gives me
a chance to go with him if
he gets transferred to some
special work at the front. In
a few months I will either
have a chance at a good
salary increase or a commission.

What I want of course is
the commission so that I
can get more action. At
present I can save just
about my whole salary, because
I can almost live on my
allowance of 60 per month.

This lets me save almost
\$100 per month less insurance,
of which I have \$10000.

We are definitely officers,
entitled to salutes, and are
treated fine. I really have
a good chance for I can
go up to \$1800 or even \$2000
(after some service) plus my
allowance of \$60 per month.

but it is cold in this

room and I must get to
bed. I'll write again tomorrow
or next day if I get the chance.
Days + weeks so my life
fighting. We work of course all
day Sunday so we lose all record
of the days.

I certainly wish you all the
happiest and most prosperous of
New Years — sounds funny doesn't
it — but what I do hope
is that the next New Year will
find me home in loving arms
& care.

Goodnight — and God Bless
the whole tribe of you.

Lots of love,

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