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My Darling Floyd,

Today I picked up the snapshots and instead of making the jumbo size, they mistakenly made the small. So I won't get the larger size until next Friday. I'm enclosing a few "glamor" poses for your wallet. The pictures of you and your brothers & the folks didn't turn out too well. There are sun spots on most of them. Maybe they will be clearer on the larger prints which I'll send as soon as they're ready.

I received the package you sent from Pearl Harbor with your uniforms, etc. I had only one Kodachrome slide to look at as the others are being developed, and it looks super through the gadget. Thank you, Sweetheart.

Tonight Andrea and I started on a 1000-piece jig saw puzzle. We worked for hours and only got the outside rim done. You know how impatient those things make me. My interest lagged very soon. We didn't go swimming today because it was rather cold.

How do you like the side view of me at this point? That's a 1915 bathing suit. I don't seem to show in my regular bathing suit as much as I do in a dress. Such irony!

The news commentators seem optimistic about the war. I read the papers every word and listen to all the news. I'll believe it when there is an official surrender and I'll probably be too stunned then to realize the importance of the announcement.

Be careful, sweetheart.

I love you with all my heart.
Melva

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Lieutenant Super Grade

Some Navy two-strippers, despairing of promotion to lieutenant commander, have taken matters in their own hands, they told a Pacific Fleet correspondent of the New York TIMES last week. Their straightfaced solution: the creation of the consoling rank, Lieutenant Super Grade.

To qualify officers must have been lieutenants senior grade for 24 to 29 months, "while their civilian contemporaries in the Army have become colonels and brigadier generals." They will be entitled to wear a neon star with blinker, and cap covers with a center rosette ringed with a one-half-inch band of phosphorescent material. Shirt collars and cuffs will be distinguished by a lacy fringe of fray and tinted a darker hue. (No pay increase is contemplated.)

According to the super lieutenants' charter, they "will rank with, but below, lieutenant generals of the Army, full generals of the Salvation Army and aviation cadets and midshipmen of the Navy."