

October 28th 1918

my Dearest wife :-

It is again early in the morning. The habit of writing you a letter early in the day before work has had an opportunity to occupy my attention to the exclusion of all else, is gradually becoming ingrafted on me. This is not such a bad idea either for otherwise I don't know how I could get it done, and I know you don't care what time I write just so you receive a letter.

True to my prediction yesterday I was busy all day and if I had not written to you early in the morning I would probably have been unable to all day long. I have been unable to all day long. I got three letters from you yesterday - all of them of old date but most welcome and most sweet. I can't adequately express my contentment for me and hope that you girls will cease to show him any consideration and go after him.

for all you are worth. He has forfeited any claim for consideration that your relationship to him gives, and I think that the best course to pursue with him from now on is war to the end. You have your own pet little war over there while I am having mine over here.

The news papers have not come yet but I know before they come that they will be filled with good news for every day passes now but what good news comes and nothing can surprise us now. The next thing I expect to hear of great importance is the downfall of Austria and Turkey. That will be Germany's "good excuse" to surrender without sacrificing her "honor". Germany's "honor" is the great diplomatic joke.

The idea of anything or anyone
connected in anyway with Ger-
many, talking about honor! It
is too much.

The papers have just arrived
and are surely satisfactory. Very
thing indicates a disintegration
of the Central powers. Austria
is literally on the verge and
her downfall may be expected
at any time.

Well Honey, dear I have to
leave. This is the shortest letter
I have ever written I guess, but
I can't help it today. I have
so much to do. I nearly forgot
to tell you that my commission
as Captain arrived yesterday.

Give my love to Glad and
my babies. Kiss them all for
me and tell them how I love
them. Tell Glad I want her
to stay with you. With all
my dearest love to you

Sweetheart, and millions of kisses
I am your loving husband
O.B.

Amel B. Smith
Capt. U.C.