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My Dearest Wife:-

I wrote a long letter to you on the typewriter yesterday and will bet you were mad when you got it. Or don't you care dear if I occasionally amuse myself that way? It is the nearest to playing a piano that I can get. I have not touched a piano for over six months now. I will surely be glad to get back and have one to use again. It is one of the things that I miss very much - but I will also enjoy it all the more when I return.

When we first moved into the quarters we are now occupying, I spoke to one of the men about a shelf to put your pictures on, wanting one for that purpose alone. I have heard nothing from it since until yesterday, when he came with a beautiful shelf that he had been working on in his spare time - after working hours and on his half days off, for over six weeks. It has some very fine scroll work on it that



he cut out with a little key hole  
saw, entirely by hand. I have never  
appreciated anything more than the  
spirit which prompted him to do  
it and the great pleasure he took  
in seeing how pleased I was. It  
meant a whole lot to me I assure  
you. Your pictures and the babies  
and the only one I have of Glad,  
now occupy a very prominent  
place in my room. This boy  
said when he gave it to me, "There  
could be nothing too good for what  
you want to put on it" - meaning  
that his six weeks of painstaking  
work were not half the honor he  
would like to show my wife and  
family, whom he remembers very  
well from Fort Harrison. I  
certainly appreciate the regard he  
manifested for me and intend to  
bring the shelf home and always  
keep it.

I didn't get mail from you yes-  
terday. It was a rather barren



work for me as far as mail is concerned but no doubt there is some good reason why mail has not been coming and I imagine it is due to the unprecedented demands on the railroads to supply the great offensives our armies are conducting.

The war news continues to be most wonderful. The general prevailing belief is that Germany will sign the armistice and if she does it means the definite end of hostilities and the definite approach of Peace. The papers have not yet arrived this morning but will be here soon and I know from the late coming news yesterday that the news will again be excellent. How they can possibly hold out longer is beyond my power of comprehension.

Yesterday was a cloudy dark day and nothing about it was pleasant. Roy and I went up on the hill to see the guns and



got the communique. We want  
more for the walk and for the  
communique than anything else. I  
went to bed very early last night  
for I had a slight sore throat and  
felt "grippy". But some phlegmatic  
and salol and a good night's sleep  
knocked it all out of me and I feel  
fine today. Today is a beautiful  
day - bright and sunny - and very  
much milder than the average Novem-  
ber weather we have at home. I  
will have to admit that all this  
fall so far, the weather has been  
milder than Michigan weather, but  
not nearly so stimulating as it is  
there. It is so much more humid,  
and the dampness always ac-  
centuates the cold so much.

My mind is full of dreams  
of home now. It is because of the  
wonderful news and the certainty  
that the war is near an end. I  
can hardly wait until I have  
returned and am with my dear  
family again. It will be the



greatest experience I ever hope  
to have and it is not at all  
strange that I look forward to  
it with so much anticipation.  
I wonder how the development  
of events will bring it about?  
If things go some way (after  
peace) we will be home in a  
hurry - then again it may be  
some time before we sail.  
Whatever is the decision of  
the "Powers that be" regarding  
this unit, we must abide by  
it of course. We're in the army.

Well Honey dear I must close.  
I will write more tomorrow. Give  
my dear love and kisses to my  
kiddies and Glad. With dearest love  
to you sweetheart, I am your loving  
lousome Daddy.

Amel Hunt Capt. U.S.

Amel E. France.