February 21st, 1919

Mother Dear:-

I finally got some mail from you - four letters - and they were such wonderful letters too. It has been several days since I have received mail, so I was overjoyed to receive this, and to learn that you were all well and strong and still brave about my absence. It won't be much longer sweetheart. There is no feeling that can surpass in ecstasy, the one we are all experiencing at present for we know we are going home and we know when we are going to leave here for the Port. Of course we have no definite idea as to when we will leave the Port but it surely won't be long.

Our relieving organization is here now. It came day before yesterday and there is at present a great deal of work connected with turning over all of the place to them. Our orders are to leave here on February the 26th and it is absolutely certain that we will be home by April 1st. After what we have been through already in the line of "waiting" another month is not so bad to look forward to, although I don't doubt that it will be the longest month of my life.

At the point where there is such a radical change in the color of the milk I am

using, I had to stop this letter to indorse a hundred service records and all of the other ink ran out before I finished. You can see that I am writing under difficulties.

I saw Alex Martin yesterday. He is fat as a hog but is well and anxious to get home. Foshee has gone to Nice on leave and will not return before we leave so I have said goodbye to him. Everyone is envious of us for our good luck in returning so soon.

Rosy had a bit of luck yesterday when he received his majority, and I am mighty glad he got it, for he has been an awfully hard worker and a valuable man. It is lucky he got his captaincy before he left the States though, or otherwise he would be just getting it now.

I am glad dearest, that the money I sent you reached you at a crucial moment as you would have been up against it otherwise. I am saving what I have now, for the trip home and will send no more as I hope to be back so soon. I agree with you that an investment in the new Wallace Co. will warrant a sale of W S L. stock and advise that you do it. They are certainly big

money makers.

There was a big dance here last night, that everyone reports as having been a great success. I didn't go. Went to bed at seven thirty with a little grippe feeling but woke up feeling fine this morning. I am certainly in good physical condition as I seem to throw off any cold or infection that starts up, in a surprisingly short time and easy manner.

There were some beautiful pictures of the babies in the letters I got yesterday. I can hardly wait to get home and see the little darlings. It won't be long now.

Well Sweetheart I will close now. Expect my mail to be spasmodic from now on as we are so busy. I love you all, and if God wills, will be with you soon. I love you.

Daddy

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