

Evacuation Hospital "2
COBLENZ, GERMANY.

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Mother Dear :-

I have even a more limited amount of time today than I had yesterday in which to write to you, but such as it is I will make the best of it. I had a very pleasant surprise yesterday, in a visit from a Miss Brethour, who was a nurse at Blodgett before I left. She is stationed at Treves, in Evacuation Hospital No. 12, and has only been over on this side since September. I want you to call up Miss Barrett and tell her that I saw Miss Brethour, and that she is well, and enjoys her work. It did seem good to see one of the nurses that I worked with so long in the old hospital.

Rosy and I went down to the club last night for dinner and played a game of billiards afterwards, but we both got so sleepy that we could hardly stay awake, and came home about 8:30 to go to bed. We had to move out of our quarters yesterday to let the new personnell officers move in, and we have very ordinary quarters now. However we have had such a variety of homes since we left our own, that we don't mind it at all, and all the less as we realize that it is for only a few days. It does seem as if the orders for us to go to the coast will never come, and we are all becoming impatient. However there is nothing to do but wait patiently.

Today I am having to move all the men from this building to another to let the men of the other outfit move in here, and it is a big job. However the boys do not mind a little thing like that as they are all so enthused about going home. I will be glad when we are all settled on the ship, and on the way home. It is again quite forcibly rumored that we are going home by way of Rotterdam, but I will not believe that we will have such good luck untill we actually leave that way. I would much rather come that way than through France, for it will be new country and a much faster trip home. It is a new U S port, and we will be the first troops to leave that way, so we will not be held there at all, if we should go that way, but will get right on the steamer and sail at once. That will be a lot better than waiting at a port in France for a couple of weeks for a ship, and that is what we would have to look forward to if we go through France.

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I assure you Dear that it was not an economical streak that made me write so close to the end of the last sheet, but only that I did not notice that I was so near to the end. I trust that you will pardon the appearance of it.

The weather still remains very good. It is warm, and rains occasionally, but on the whole is very nice. Spring weather, and much different than any winter I have ever had, the pleasure of enjoying. Yesterday there were a number of the officers sent on a trip up the Rhine, and I had an opportunity to go, but had so much work to do here that I didn't leave, and am glad now that I didn't for it was a very cold trip according to the statements that they made after they returned.

Well Darling I must close. I have a lot of work to do, and will try to write again tomorrow. It is absolutely necessary that I leave now, and get at the many things that I have to do. Give my dearest love to the babies and Glad and a lot of kisses. I love them so much. I love you Dearest. I love you. I can hardly wait till I get home, and can be with you. It will be so wonderful, and we have been separated so long. I know that the greatest days you and I have ever had or ever will have are coming to us in the very near future. Goodbye Dear Girl. I love you.

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