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My Dearest Wife:-

Another month has passed and I am still in the A.E.F. but definitely on the way, so I am sure that it will be sometime in April when I get back to you. The rumor that we are going to leave here sometime in April - about the 12th or 15th - persists, and is more or less corroborated by the statements of the officers in the Embarkation office at Headquarters. They are in fact, the ones who are directly responsible for the rumor, so I am more or less convinced that there is substantial foundation to it. That will mean our arrival in the States at least by the first of May and possibly before. Quite a gain has been made in the amount of available shipping tonnage, by the taking

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over of several large German
liners, so the transportation
of troops will be expedited to a
considerable degree, there is
no doubt.

I am going in to town this
P. M. Ross and I are guests
of Col. Schlichter for dinner to-
night and are going to take a
nice hot bath—something we
don't have much opportunity
to get around here. Col. Schlichter
is on his way home now, and
is going to drop you a line
when he arrives. His home
is in Pittsburgh and he is a
very nice fellow. I have
"nuts" solemn assurance that
he will go home through G. O.
as he will probably arrive
a few days ahead of me. I
have an idea you will enjoy
seeing him and talking with

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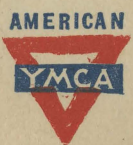
time about my coming home. I am very fond of "nuts" in spite of some marked peculiarities of his so I am sure you will like him also. It seems possible that the officers who are going home as casuals may beat us home by a very few days, but the chances are also that we may beat them. That part of it is very uncertain to say the least.

The river has now gone down a lot and all of our billets are out of water again. It is very cool and cloudy today so I am convinced that the nice days they do have in this country are purely accidental and not customary. I caught a slight cold last night because I got slightly uncovered during the night.

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Did you ever hear of such a
book in all your life? I
won't have to bother about keep-
ing warm nights, after I get
home, will I dear? How you
ciches? It is difficult to be-
lieve that the time is now in
sight, when we will be re-
united. Well darling, I must
close now. I love you dear, with
all my heart and soul. I love
you. Give my love and kisses
to Glad and my sweethearts,
and take all my dearest for
your own dear self.
Daddy,

Arnel B Smith Capt. U.S.
Eva Hopf & Annie E. F. France.