

January 6th 1919.

My Darling:-

It is just one year ago today that we pulled out of Camp Merritt at Tenafly New Jersey, on the way to Portland Maine. I never will forget how cold it was. The contrast between the weather then and now is very great, for today the sun is shining brightly and it is like Spring. I wonder if we will get any winter weathers over here in Germany.

I received two boxes from Harrod's – one of them had your card in it and the other had none so I don't know whether it was one from Cora or not. At any rate, I was mighty glad to receive them and we are all enjoying the contents to the utmost. These two, are the only

ones I have recieved of the
eight you say I have coming
and they have been on the
road for a good long time. I
cannot thank you enough dear
girl, for your goodness to me,
and I love more than is possible
to tell you.

I am sending you in this
letter, a Money Order for \$100.00
and hope the letter doesn't go
astray. It is the only method
I have of sending money home
except by increasing my allotment
and I am afraid to do that for
there have been so many bad
mix ups in allotments that
have resulted in their not
being paid. So I am using
the slower and surer method.

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I will send you this same amount each month dear, and it should help out a lot. Let me know just when you receive it dear so I won't worry about its being lost.

I had a wonderful sleep last night for I got rid of my fleas. I don't know how long I will be rid of them as these buildings are literally infested with them, but it is worth something to be rid of them for a day or a night. It gives one a rest that is most agreeable.

At last I have heard from Jack and he was in the same fix I was in. Our letters have been crossing this Continent – Lord only knows

how many times, and we
are just now recieving Sept-
ember mail from each other.

He is well and homesick, and
has had his promotion but
feels as I do about it. It
did seem good to hear from
him and I am going to write
to him soon. I hope we
both get home soon. We hear
of so many going home that it
seems hard for us not to go.
Maybe our luck will change
soon – who knows?

You say you want to
do a lot of walking when I get
back. Well – it will take a
lot to discourage me. I am
a great hiker. Except for
business purposes I don't think

I will mind at all being [illegible]
a machine except for business
purposes and I will soon get
used to that. I will litterally
start all over again, and it
won't be long before I get
things in shape so we can
afford anything we want.

In the letter I got from
Dave he said that Miss
Barrett told him she knew
of several people who are
waiting for me to come home
before having needed operations
I know I will do well, for
my absence has been made
less apparent by your
presence and the way you
have worked and made friends
can't help but be a big assistance

to me. I have the most wonderful little wife on the face of the Earth and don't you think for one minute that I don't know it dear. I never in all my life will be able to repay the many wonderful things you have done and are doing for me. You are simply wonderful dearest girl, and I love you.

I went downtown night before last with Dempsey and Rosy and while there I looked through all the shape to see if there were any things that you might like but couldn't find a thing. I will look again but doubt whether I will be able to

find anything of the sort I
found in France.

I must close now dear.

I have a lot work to do
and will write again tomorrow.

Give my love and kisses to
Glad and the children. I love
them. With dearest love
to you, and a million kisses,

A.B.

Ansel B Smith

Capt. MC.

Evac Hosp #2.

Enc:- 1 m. order for \$100.00