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My Dearest Girl:-

The glorious news has finally arrived. We are coming home. Oh! how wonderful it seems to know that it is true and that it at the most, is a matter of two or three weeks before we leave. For our written orders are here. I have read them and we are now only awaiting the telegraphic orders and relief. As to how long it will take after we do get started, I can't tell for we have the trip to the Port and then some inspecting to be done before we sail. But to be on the way will be sufficient. My homesickness is cured. We are coming home. Thank God. And I never felt more truly thankful for a thing in all my life than I do for this knowledge.

It will probably be sometime in March when we arrive home. It may be earlier, but we are the first organization in the Third Army to leave and I now know that our trip into Germany was our shortest way home.

I am in the clouds I am so happy. I can hardly believe that in another month or two I will be home. Maybe a lot less than that. It is exciting news isn't it dear? Just get along for a little while longer and I'll be there. Oh! I'm so happy.

As if to coincide with my "sunny" disposition today, the sun is out and working overtime. It is a perfectly beautiful day. It isn't such a bad old world after all. It is a good place to live only there are some parts of it more desirable than others. Well, I now know I will soon be back with you all, my loved ones, and I am happy. Such happiness I have never known before because it means I am to be reunited with you, and the only happiness I can think of that will equal it is that of our meeting. It won't be long now dear, I may almost beat this letter home although I hardly expect that, but if I don't by the time you receive this I will

be at the Port waiting to embark, or
will have cabled my departure to you.
I can imagine how you will feel when you
learn this for I am able to judge
from the way I feel.

Well darling I must close now. I
have a lot of work to do now. I will
write again tomorrow. I'm so happy. I
love you. I'll be home soon.

Love

Daddy

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