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My Darling Wife:-

I missed writing to you yesterday and the day before for I was so busy, and Oh! how glad I was to be busy dear, for we are going home. Isn't that wonderful? We have not yet recieved our orders but have been told by G.H.L. to get ready to go and all expect to get away from here inside of a couple of weeks. Of course we have a lot to do, and it is because I want to have everything done, that I am hurrying so on it all.

There is a great air of excitement around this place from the C.O. down. It is admitted that the news is authentic and official and bets are 2 to 1 that we will be leaving in at least two weeks. It sounds so good to me that I don't know how to act. You can imagine dear. It is over a year since we landed here and we have sure worked hard in that time. It looks as if we would go back with

our original personnel as a unit, and if we do I won't have you meet me in New York because I will have charge of the men and it would drive me crazy to have you there and not be able to be with you every minute. I will cable you when we sail and let you use your own judgement about it dear. I imagine we will be sent to a demobilization camp in the middle west and then we can be together all we wish (and you know how much that is).

I am all excited now over the prospect of coming home. It is something wonderful to me to think that at last the time is nearly here. And I am going to feel a lot better about it all to know that I have never tried to use any political pull to get out of Service. I think the greatest day of our lives is very near at hand dearest. Even yet, we can't realize how

wonderful it will be to be together again. It has just occurred to me too – There will be no way of being sure where we will land in the States. It may be New York but it may also be several other places. All I can do is to cable the name of the ship if that's possible and then you can try to find out where it will dock.

We have had more snow here but it is not at all cold. I have not had even a slight cold in my head all winter long. I feel fine and am sure taking good care of myself so I will be well and strong when I get home. I am so thankful for our good health. We can enjoy life so much more than we have. Oh! I wish we were together now dear. I love you so

.Well, I really believe it will be soon now. I haven't thought so before but now it looks very much as if we were destined to go. Won't it be a wonderful thing if we are not disappointed?

I must close now Sweetheart and go to work. I will write again tomorrow. I love you my darling, I love you. With loads of love and kisses to you, my darling babies, and Glad, I am your loving husband

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