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Mother Dear:-

This will have to be a very short letter, for I am terribly busy, but as it is in connection with our departure I have nothing but joy in the work. Everything indicates that it is a matter of only a few days now when we will leave – in fact it is almost certain that we will be away from here on our way home within a week. It is too good to be true, but I guess it is true. Our route as planned, is as I told you it might possibly be, via Rotterdam. That will mean that it will take us a much shorter time to get home. Therefore, it is good news to all of us.

The trip up the Rhine and into Holland will be an experience, but what really counts is that we are homeward bound and nearly ready to leave. Isn't it a wonderful feeling? I am almost sure that we will be on our way – possibly in the States – by the

time this reaches you, but I must write just the same. I will cable from the Port also Dear, if there is the least opportunity. Travelling with troops is immensely different than alone as a casual, and as I will be with troops I can make absolutely no definite plans about even as apparently simple a matter as cabling - However you know, that I will surely cable if I can, and I think I can.

Oh! it seems so wonderful to be so Near to coming home. I can hardly Realize it yet. I won't fully believe it until we are on the way and yet I know it . Isn't that a strange frame of mind to be in? It simply goes to show what the Army does to one's certainty of things.

The weather is simply wonderful out

If it is any where near as pleasant when we leave as it is now we will have a wonderful trip. I must close now and go to work. It is late and I have a lot to do. I will write again tomorrow. Love and kisses to all, and God bless you.

A.B.

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