

April 4,th 1919

My Dearest:-

I have good news this morning but I am sure I will beat it home so there is very little use in sending it, really. But the Casual Officers left this morning and the outfit is expected to leave Monday or Tuesday on April 6,th or 7,th. Rosy and I are the only one's left except Moody. All of our bunkies have gone and the Organization has started to disintegrate. I am not sorry, believe me, but I am sure now that it is a matter of not more than two or three weeks when I will be with you. I wrote once before to tell you that the bunky I have had for a year and a half is going to his home via Grand Rapids, although he may not arrive a minute before I do myself – but at any rate inasmuch as there is a

chance that he is coming that way a few days earlier than I, he will tell you all about me and also give you \$100.00 that I am sending to you. I wish I could send you more but I have to keep some to get home with. I know you would rather have me than money any way so what's the difference. I will make lots of it when I get back home, and you bet it won't be long before I get back. There is not a particle of doubt that we will be away from here within a week and then we are only another week from the U.S. I still receive no reply from the cable I sent to you and am beginning to wonder why. It seems very strange indeed that so many messages could be lost and yet I am sure you would answer

them if you received them.

The weather remains very good.

For three or four days now we have had no rain and have had beautiful sunny days – although they have been a little cool. It makes the time so much more easy to bear when the weather is not gloomy. This whole experience has begun to pall on us now. It may be because we are so near home and still so far away. The weeks we have been in this Base Camp are the hardest weeks we have had and I will surely be thankful when they are behind us. Oh! How anxious we are to get home. I have never been as homesick in all my life as I was this morning when I said goodbye to the Officers who left, although I knew at the same time that my chances

were very good of beating them home. Well, it is comforting at least to know we are so near the end of the whole thing and believe me it will be the end of absences and separations for us – won't it dearest?

I must close now dear girl. I have an inspection in ten minutes now and must get ready for it. Give my love and kisses to the dear babies and Glad. I love you dear girl. I love you. Be patient just a little while longer, and I'll be with you. Love.

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