my Dearest Wife:

It is again early in the morning. The habit of writing you a letter early in the day before work has had an opportunity to occupy my attention to the exclusion of all else is gradually becoming neglected on me. This is not such a bad idea either for otherwise I don't know how I could get it done, and I know you don't care what time I write just so you receive a letter.

True to my prediction yesterday I was busy all day and if I had not written to you early in the morning I would probably have been unable to all day long. I got three letters from you yesterday - all of them of old tale but most welcome and most sweet. I can not adequately express my esteem for you and hope that you girls will cease to show him due consideration and go after him.
for all you are worth. He has
forgotten any claim for consid-
eration that your relationship to
him gives, and I think that the
best course to pursue with him from
now on is war to the end. You
have your own pet little war
over there while I am having
mine over here.

The news papers have not
come yet but I know before
they come that they will be
filled with good news for near
a day pasts now but what
good news comes and nothing
care surprise us now. The next
thing I expect to hear of great
importance is the downfall
of Austria and Turkey. That
will be Germany's "good excuse"
to surrender without sacrificing
her "honor". Germany's "honor"
is the great diplomatic joke.
The idea of anything or anyone
connected in any way with Ger-
many, talking about honor, is
too much.

The papers have just arrived
and are surely satisfactory. Every
thing indicates a disintegration
of the Central Powers. Austria
is literally on the verge and
her downfall may be expected
at any time.

Well, Honey, dear I have to
leave. This is the shortest letter
I have ever written I guess but
I can’t help it today. I have
so much to do. I nearly forgot
to tell you that my commission
as Captain arrived yesterday.

Give my love to Glad and
my babies. Kiss them all for
me and tell them how I love
them. Tell Glad I want her
there. I shall miss you. With all
my deepest love to you.
sweetheart, and millions of kisses.
I am your loving husband.

O.B.

Amel Smith
Capt. M.C.