

Tuesday night -

April 8 1919 -

My dear Darling Carmie:-

Darling I'm ashamed
to write you such a pencil, but
after you read this little
note you will know why
and you will also be over
joyed until you will not
care just so it is a message
from your own boy -

I hardly know what to tell
you first because I want
to make you as happy as
possible. Any^{way} I can tell
you in a few words and
here goes it, be long^{er} the roads
to my town as home -

In other words we are on
 the first leg. I don't know
 exactly when we will leave
 today, but think it will
 be Saturday or Sunday - We
 go to La Mans, may be there
 for 4 or 6 weeks then embark
 for home. I'm a lousy
 darling I hardly know
 what to do. Yet I'm very
 busy. I'm away and my
 things left to me. Florkman
 is doing all he can, but
 doesn't know very much
 about moving troops as he
 has never had experience
 along that line

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Every thing to be packed and
marked besides looking after
115 men - Don't tell me
about commanding a company
I know what it means now.
It would not be so hard had
we gotten some advanced
information, but our orders
came yesterday Monday 7th
So you can imagine don't
just what a rest your
boy is in now. But don't
do's midnight work day &
night if it will get me
home with you any quicker
Other things every not more than

the amount of work which
is expected of me - That is
the rushed order that we
have to comply with - but I'm
doing my best and no more
and the superior can't do
them to some of the higher
heads seem to be all excited
and don't know what has
really got to be done -

All commanding officers
have to meet at Fairy tonight
at 10 o'clock and receive
the late orders and talk
over plans -

I haven't had a letter
from, such a long time

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my darling it seem like
months and I may not
hear from my darling again
until I get to La Mans.

Bye I will write you
again tomorrow night - but
before closing I want to
say don't stop writing
until you know for sure
that I have sailed - You
will see that in the paper.

God bless my darling I
love you so much -
Oceans of love millions
of kisses - You are
Lhas -

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