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San Francisco Calif Aboard

Troop Train

Dear Elz:-

Train just pulled into Ft Wayne Station for brief halt. We passed thru Altoona yesterday about 2100 hrs. I must have been sleeping when we cleared Pittsburgh. I was so tired. It is the first sleep since Saturday morning.

At 11:30 Sunday, I walked around the area near the commissary looking for you and the family and your Mother + Dad whom I had not bid goodbye. Before I could complete the search the troops arrived and I had to be off to the train again. But before leaving I told Sgt Gordon who was not accompanying us on this trip, to drive thru the area to locate + bring you all up to the train. The The train moved down to the loading platform where the troops came aboard. The band played – attracting attention of passing autoiste who pulled over to the side of the street and got out and came up to watch the activity. Children from somewhere about showed up – attracted by music. Their parents followed a while later, doubtlessly looking for their

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wandering offspring. They also lingered. About thirty staff officers showed up when General Devine put in his appearance. They swarmed all over. Meanwhile the band continued from one number to another. (The train just resumed its [joining?: faint writing] so this writing will be done between shifts, jerks and general unsteadiness) I looked and looked for you. My eyes searched every maroon vehicle in the area. I finally saw Sgt Gordon drive up in his green Nash. I called to him. He came over and stated that he drove up and down the streets in and around the commissary. He said he went all the way back to the guest house but did not see my car which he knows very well. Thruout his report the base drum continued it its its (shut (darn this train) its ominous boom-boom in cadence with the music.

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faces and lines [?] of au autos for a last chance sight of you. Train left at 1245, ½ hour behind schedule.

I later returned to my drawing room compartment to reflect. I concluded that you got there by 1100 hrs and not seeing anybody or the train believed whe we had gone ahead of schedule and so you departed.... much to my regret.

I wanted so badly to see you and the kids. I wanted to tell Marilyn that that was the train on which I was going to take that long trip I had told her about. I wanted to bounce Getel high in the air and tell her to be a good girl and to grow up while I'm gone. I wanted to hold you tightly in my arms, kiss you and say nothing – knowing that you fully understood all without me saying it. I wanted to embrace Daddy Stanton and kiss Mother Stanton on the cheek. So tremendous was the em emotional impact of my failure to don anticipate last minute disruptions and do all these things before hand that big tears flooded my vision and my chest xxxxx vibrated uncontrollably as the whole of me surrendered and my tense feelings were channelized into anxxxxx hushed sobbing. This must have lasted not less than

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seven to 10-minutes before a rattling of the door handle to my room signalled that other duties called.

Now that its all over, perhaps 'tis well that we parted that way – otherwise it would have been quite embarrassing for me to shed tears in front of all our men and those people. I'm afraid I would have done just that.

Now as you know I'm not given to emoting, but only on one other occasion can I remember crying. That was in grief over the death of my Mother.

When you go to Pgh please call my folks + explain why I do could not visit them but that I wanted to. This train bouncing is making this letter almost incomprehensible.

All my love to you and children Hubby Ivorey Cobb