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My Sweetheart,

With all the tough  
times I had in Boston  
getting used to having you  
3000 miles away, and not  
being able to run in and  
say hello - I've never got  
to where I am now. I'm just  
naturally homesick - the  
first time, I think, in my  
life. I want you so badly  
that I can't keep my mind  
away from you. See it's tough.

But within a day or so  
I'll be assigned, and I hope  
when I am that there will  
be a plenty to do. It's fine  
swells now since I did a

thing. The first three were glorious, and the rest have been interesting - but I must have something absorbing to keep my mind away from you and me. Sorry if I write blue. You'll know why - and I'm sure you'll want to know.

Just now I'm somewhere else in France close to the end of the trail, and quartered in a wonderful hotel. Yesterday I enjoyed the first real bath since leaving the U.S. and you can just bet your life I made the most of it.

Of course on the boat we had our salt water plunge each morning, and at the rest camps we could take saunary baths - but this was a real hot water porcelain tub kind. Oh-h-h.

I've decided that you must learn French, for some day you and I are going to tour this country. There is nothing quite so wonderful as the beauty of this country - its real old history - and its facts! We must know something of the language to enjoy it. I shall learn here, and you when you

have the chance. maybe I can  
teach you (?), because it will  
be a "long long time" ('member)  
before we can come over.

wonder what you are doing!!  
I've pictured you a hundred ~~but~~  
different times in my effort to  
satisfy this burning inside. You're  
cheerful, I know, 'cause isn't that  
the commandment? and I am too  
in all my homesickness. It's easy  
to be happy with the prospect  
of that meeting in New York always  
before me. Soo' night Sweetheart o'  
mine and all my love to you. XXX<sup>X</sup> I. I. <sup>X</sup> <sup>X</sup> <sup>X</sup> <sup>X</sup> XXX