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Happy New Year Sweetheart,

Can't a fellow say that with
a heap of gusto this time tho'
eh? And to think of what an
unhappy time your last Jan 1st
was. Bet you imagined me at
the bottom of the sea every
minute of the time. Just out the
worry now 'cause it's only a
question of days till we get
home. whee - e - e - e.

Last night we five "coffee
coolers" here at Division H.Q.
had all the Bu. officers over
for a new year's eve celebration.
with the violin, Doc's fiddle

ably assisted by some invited
guests, a little wine, some
champagne, and hot rum punch.
we made out quite a party. Yes
a few 2nd Lieuts made it a bit
rough in spots but altogether
we were just a jolly crowd.

wasn't so easy to get up
and start the job this morning
tho' and today I took over the
organization of a message center.
Can't do much till the Army
announces its scheme, so the
job now is just that of running
a courier service - a cinch. Have
to keep at my history too.

Did I tell you of the dance
we're putting on Saturday night?

Imparting about 75 numbers, G. Miers.
and Red Envoies - have an excellent
hall - two bands - and among
other things were going to serve
ice cream. Darnay that?

Drew my pay yesterday and
invested \$150 in 2 mos. for you.
One is here and the other will
come in a later letter. Tell me
that you get them so I needn't
worry that they're lost. Really
I'm afraid you don't get all my
letters. Seems like I wrote more
than 4 during Sept. & Oct. Then
to think that you'd lose 'em
after all the grief they caused.
No 'tain't fair - I quit. Oh, and

sure enough the check you re-
ceive for my Jan. pay should be
\$125 'cause I have on my desk
right now a letter to the Q.M.
to make it that. Not spending
much these days and marks are
cheap. Yesterday we got 166 $\frac{2}{3}$ of
'em for 100 francs. (908 for \$1) and
today the rate was established
at 149.50 marks for 100 francs.
we've all lost a lot by those
fluctuations but I fancy will
pull through all right.

Here's the end, Sneaky, I'm
going to bed. Yep I'm sleepy but
feeling fine and waiting oh so
restlessly for the old ship to dock
in good old N.Y.C. Slong. XX
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