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Dearest sweet Mary;

This is it! I received the word the middle of this morning that I should prepare to get aboard in a few days. I had to become detached, pick up my pay accounts and health record and then go to the Base personnel office and get my transportation endorsement to my orders. Then this afternoon I made one last trip to the PX, bought a couple of things, tried to write some short letters at the office but I was too excited to get very far with that. So I came out here to get going on my packing.

I am caught short without my laundry. I don't know what happened, but I had taken it over four days ago so it should have been done. The fellow was awfully nice in that he said he would pick as much of it out as he could and try and have it for me tomorrow morning. What I don't get then, I'll just leave behind.

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I have had a long siege of packing my three pieces of luggage and listing all the items I have put in each, but I am all set now except for putting in a few last minute items. In using the metal spare parts box and surprising even to me, I have it pretty full. I'll be able to express it on home as soon as I hit the States.

Darling, this all came very sudden. In fact the transportation I'm taking isn't what I had in mind, before. I should arrive on the Coast several days in advance of the date I gave you. - I hope you will have made arrangements to arrive ahead of that date. I still don't know where I'll land, but I think it will be S.F. If by chance it doesn't happen to be I think we can arrange to get together somewhere on the Coast - it will require that you do the traveling though, I'm afraid. It is just one of those things I am not in a position to know. I hope and pray that it will all work out to our advantage and I'm sure

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it will. Dear sweet Mary, it will only be a matter of weeks now before we will be together again. I'm so excited and extremely happy!

Two more of your wonderful letters arrived today - I received them early this morning. I'm sorry darling if I failed you by not telling you when to stop writing. I told my folks only because they both were concerned over the matter, not knowing whether to continue to write and making so much of it that I thought I would give them a cut-off date. My darling, you understand really, don't you? I did want you to continue ^{writing} until it were definite I was on my way. The telegram will be your definite word and you should get that in a few days.

I am so excited, and so tired from my days activities that I can hardly make sense when I write. So, my sweet, I will leave you for tonight - I'll be with you again tomorrow though with a letter - that might be my last - then we will have each other again and as you say "heaven can wait". All my love,
George