

238 - East - 2<sup>d</sup> Street -

Portsmouth Ohio -

July 10 - 1910 -

My dear Captain -

Yours of the 3<sup>d</sup> inst.  
at hand. I am sorry that you have  
made up your mind to retire; but  
understand fully the situation  
and feel that circumstances,  
justify your taking the con-  
sidered action. Now you formulate  
the recommendation, you wish  
me to give you for filing with  
your papers. You cannot make  
it too strong, as I know your  
worth, and work with me. In  
the Macaboths campaign, when we  
disproved the East organization  
of Susungut Army in Northern  
Tennessee, indebted to your credit.

As for Genl. McArthur's help in  
the matter, I suggest that you  
write him, and send it to me

B. speak with them abroad. Please to  
remind me to those whom you will -  
Mrs. Smith joins me in love to you,  
and yours -

Yours sincerely -

J. Smith.



2. for our endowment; which  
will be better, than for me to  
write him direct. We returned  
from Europe on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June  
and hurried out - here, owing to  
the owner of this house having  
sold it; and we are very busy  
hunting a house. We may run  
down to Frankfort - Ky, and  
try finding us something in  
way of abiding place. Can you  
recommend us to do so? We think  
that we might - like the climate  
of that part of Ky. Our weather  
here is pleasant; with rains  
enough to make it very bear-  
able. I often think of Mrs. Smith,  
and her mother, and sisters,  
and of the pleasant times we



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## PAY DEPARTMENT, U. S. ARMY

MANILA, P. I.

July 15, 1910,

My dear Tommy :-

It was a great shock to both of us to read of May's death, and, we so far away. Please extend to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Coy our deepest sympathy. I have already written poor old Goebcke. I most deeply sympathize with him. To lose one's help mate under such circumstances mows a man to the very depths of his soul.

How is the young son coming on?

It has been a long time, dear Tommy, since I have heard from you. Our tour over here, as I. M. at least is drawing to a close. My detail expires Nov. 1, next. I don't know what regiment I will get or whether I will go home. This detail has been one of the pleasantest I have ever had.

The easiest work I ever had. I have  
lost less than \$600 "Oed Dutch"  
and I are planning to return home  
via India, Palestine, Turkey, Greece  
and Spain, and I have asked for a  
4 months' leave, which will give me  
5, counting the month allowed for  
crossing the Pacific.

How is Mrs. Smith and how are  
the babies? — Oed Dutch has not  
been as well over here as I could  
wish — nervous indigestion — but we  
have kept her fairly fit by leading a  
very simple life, cutting out society,  
and dieting carefully. How is "Bing"?  
I would greatly appreciate hearing from  
you, Tommy, but write so as to reach me  
before Nov. 10. — Kindest regards from  
us both to Mrs. Smith and a kiss for the  
babies.

Affectingly  
J. G. L.

I am glad to see you retired and Mahoney as a Lt.  
Will they retire Major McCoy?

WAR DEPARTMENT,

H. G. Lyon  
Major, U.S.A.

PAY DEPARTMENT, U. S. ARMY, MANILA, P. I.

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