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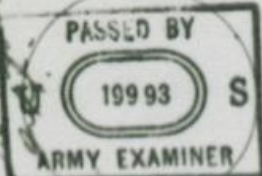
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Chère Amie,

Just a hasty word to confirm -- most enthusiastically -- the receipt of dear old Royal Portable, which arrived today -- surprisingly fast; obviously transported "by most expeditious means," just as the captain ordered it. It's in a fine shape, too -- with new carriage, nicely oiled, and all. Of course, the Germanic arrangement of the alphabet is somewhat confusing at first -- with "y" and "z" definitely misplaced; but even while writing this, I begin already to get used to it again. ... A few days ago, I received also Dad's very charming communication -- full of interesting news and brilliant formulations. My thanks and compliments to him. Every kindness done to me is always being fully appreciated. ... As a kind of postscriptum to Papa's letter, I read in our STARS & STRIPES that, in his opinion, the War will be over before the end of the coming winter (says exiled author recently naturalized...); which seems to me a rather conservative piece of prophecy. Considering the present events in the Reich and on the Eastern front, the end appears to be much more imminent -- a matter of weeks rather than of months. A n y t h i n g might happen while this letter travels across the Atlantic. Even if they manage to suppress the revolt of the generals, for the time being -- it's undoubtedly and unmistakably the beginning of the collapse, the first spectacular sign of the catastrophe. How thrilling and dream-like!... One hardly dares to believe it... It is indeed so wonderful and exciting that nothing else seems to matter. Transfer to England, commission, and so forth -- what's the difference? After the war, working in Germany, I would much rather be a civilian with O.W.I. than an officer. Of course, one ~~may~~ easily get assassinated like Kotzebue or Rosa Luxemburg. I'd better be careful and never go out without a pistol and a handsome bodyguard... Assez -- I must work a little. Have I ever told you about that lieutenant I met, some time ago, who said he had seen me before and wanted to know my name? So I told him that my name was "Mann, Sir," -- whereupon he said, "yes, of course, I've heard about you... You are the son of Klaus Mann, aren't you?" Quite a triumph -- in a curious way...

As always, affectionately,

old K.

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