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New York, Nov. 2, 1918

My dear Mother:

I had intended to send you \$75. but after I had changed most of my money into French currency I was too late to settle for my current expenses. I was told that they would be refunded wither at London or Paris. You see on Saturday afternoon there is almost no office work done here and I had so many things to do that I could not see to everything. The crowd here is breaking up — most are going to France but some will reach Siberia, some Italy, some Mesopotamia.

I suppose we are going through England because for expense money Bank of England notes were given us. However we ask now questions. This is really a military organization at present so far as overseas work is concerned.

I am sending my clothes by express. Please pay the charges. You will find in the grip three ties for the boys.

There has been a good deal of influenza here but I have been all right. My roommate up at Columbia came down and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital which is only a few blocks away.

They send the home allowance checks the last of the month. I got your last letter tonight. Don't worry about the war. The bottom has fallen out of the entire German scheme and there is nothing for them to do but throw up their hands. Tonight the report is in the evening papers that the Kaiser has abdicated. But it makes no difference — their goose is cooked.

Just think of me as having a splendid opportunity for experience and growth and don't worry. Love to Lloyd and all the children.

Affectionately,
Ceylon

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Paris, France

You might send these dirty shirts and collors to the laundry.