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well-dressed American + the  
beautiful Yankee lady +, all in  
all, presents a spectacle that  
would grace any film of "The  
South". Ensign + commanding  
officers alike feel the atmosphere  
of the thing & they play-act for  
all they're worth - to the chauffeur  
they say "wait here for me, James"  
& to the lovely, blue-eyed Southern  
Gal they say, "Honey-chile, it's  
time for us to say goodbye - will  
you-all wait for me 'til ah  
return from the wars" - & she  
says "sure ah will, ma love,  
& may Heaven bless you-all &  
keep you-all safe for me". And  
off he dashes in his 30 H.P.

Chrysler - the performance is repeated twice daily but if he has to do it at night there's a little more to it, but who can blame him. The average American sailor or soldier must have seen American sailors & soldiers on the screen - they can't be real. Hey! perhaps I'm in the middle of a film set - you reckon? Well, anyway, a company of British matelots like us, tends to make the scene more true to anybody's conception of a naval camp - ~~the~~ ~~disobeying~~ & honest British near-words, coupled with a certain decisive attitude towards such play-acting makes for a little competitive spirit in the matter of who shall be ~~over~~ ~~of~~.



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the-walk in the camp - but we're  
outnumbered & we're the Alice's in  
Wonderland.

Once more I have been  
made think of engineering commissions.  
The Skipper asks me about it &  
told me something which gave  
me a very pointed lead as  
to which way I shall decide.

It seems (this confirms rumours  
I had heard), that these  
commissions carry an obligation  
to carry on for 5 years after  
the end of hostilities! - the answer  
is a definite "no, thank you". You  
think so too, sweet?

Oh, + thank you a lot  
dearest me, for the P.O. & for £2.

Very, very acceptable & useful to wit,  
or to boot, or something. Until we  
go & live' aboard - which will be  
next Monday or Tuesday - I shan't  
go ashore because I need seven  
league boots, or a 70 H.P. Chrysler,  
to get anywhere in a reasonable  
time.

Would you like to hear more  
of being Scottish-American or  
would you like to hear' more  
of how much I miss you &  
love you? Both? Later, my  
angel, then so it shall be. In  
the meantime take that X & dar  
X & that X - there - nice?

Ever adoring

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