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#### HULLO AMERICA!

A young American soldier was speedily returning according to plan-his own planwhen he was met by his officer.

"Say, where are you off at that speed?"
"Sir," replied the private, "the whole of the Germans' guns are firing at me. One shell was a yard long."

"Nonsense," returned the officer, "How did you know the shell was a yard long?"

"Sure, I couldn't make a mistake," the retort, "because I saw it twice, once when it passed me, and once when I passed

#### SMART!

The following letter to a Paymaster is too

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