

my Grand Marie:-

(12/10/17)

I received your darling letter this morning  
the one you wrote from the Pantind. It  
surely seems good to hear from you dear.  
your letters are always so cheerful and  
sweet, and show what a brave heart you  
have in your dear body. Well last night  
it was  $15^{\circ}$  below zero again and believe  
me it was cold. Fisher was Officer of  
the Day but the Major sent him in to  
the Hospital with an attack of tonsillitis  
yesterday afternoon, so I relieved him  
as O. D. That meant of course, that  
I had to get up early this morning  
and get the fires started etc. Oh!  
Boy! it was cold. I shivered around  
here in the dark at 5:30 this  
morning trying to get dressed  
and I thought I never would



make it but finally I did. I am going to take a bath this afternoon so I have something more to shiver about. After that I am going to shave and then sew a lot of labels on my new Sox etc.

Howey if you wish you can send me another helmet or two. They are sure valuable and I presume this one may wear out. None of the men in our Company have them and if your Red Cross there at home will send some it will be greatly appreciated for they are ever so much in need of them.

Imagine standing guard for 2 hours in one of these blizzards with the temperature 15 below



-and nothing to protect the face  
and ears. I asked one of the men  
last night if he had a helmet.  
He said "Nossir, and I'm mighty near  
frozen". I let him take my scarf.  
He told me that the whole guard  
had one helmet between them and  
that before each relief they matched  
pennies to see which one would  
get it. This is a real need with  
this organization and if you can  
see that these men get helmets  
we all will be deeply grateful to  
you. It really makes my heart  
ache sometimes knowing how  
they suffer with the cold and  
still do not complain. Cheerful  
all the time - and all just



boys. We do all we can to keep  
them comfortable but it is im-  
possible. I am glad the canned  
goods are on the way and we are  
all awaiting their arrival with  
the pleasantest anticipation in  
the world. I will put the things  
on the table so that we can all  
enjoy it.

It has cleared off today and  
is really much pleasanter although  
very very cold. My hands and  
wrists are getting badly chapped  
in spite of warm gloves and  
wristlets but I think it is due  
to using hot water to wash  
with. Therefore I am going to  
begin using cold water again



and I think they will soon be all  
right again. I wish dear that  
you would send me my stethoscope  
again if you will. It's with the  
things I sent home from here. Also  
I want a pair of bandage scissors.  
Call up Miss M<sup>o</sup> Mahou and I  
think she can tell you what  
they are. Major Syle thinks we  
each should have our own with  
us when we go over. I have every  
reason to believe Holland & Louis  
Sugar will go still higher. I am  
glad it is on the upgrade now.  
It is good news. Fisher is ap-  
plying for leave of absence. I don't  
know where he is going but I  
think there is a possibility that  
he will come to Grand Rapids  
as he seems more interested



there than he does in his own  
home. He is a funny boy about  
his family - he thinks they don't  
care for him at all. I am  
going into town tomorrow to  
see about some things for  
the officers mess. I am getting  
along all O. K. with the mess  
work and I feel that I am  
pleasing the Major chiefly  
because he never has anything  
to say to me and no suggestions  
to make.

Did you get a money  
order I sent you the other day?  
You have said nothing about  
it and if you didn't get it, of  
course I want to look it up.

You know you said you were  
hard up. So I sent you some  
money. Well love dear, I will  
close. I am going to take  
my bath and shave now, and  
then for some sewing. Give my  
love to Glad and my dear dear  
babies. Kiss the darlings for me.  
With all my love to you dear  
girl I am

Your loving  
Husband.