

Monday - Dec. 17.

my Darling wife:-

It is now 9:45 and I have my arduous duties as mess officer and Exchange officer all taken care of for the day. I arrived in Camp without any mishap although it was fortunate I left the train when I did. By the time I had stopped at the Clay pool and attended to all of my duties there it was 5 minutes to eight and I had no more than climbed on to the car when off it went. When I got off at the Fort two of our men carried my bag and packages over for me so I had rather an easy time. It made it rather pleasant to have such able assistance. I hope Honey dear, that you had as good a sleep going home as you did coming down. I had my doubts about the porter you had. He didn't impress me as being the pleasantest fellow in the world. You should have seen the way the people went after the cookies last night when I

arrived in camp. They surely thought they were wonderful and all sent their heartiest thanks to my dear little wife for her contribution to their happiness.

The two helmets were here when I arrived, and Honey they were dandies. Rosenthal gave them to the guard and also the two scarfs. They were so grateful to get them. Rosy said he never saw men more really pleased with a gift, because it meant that they would be warm. They all sent their sincerest thanks to the kind ladies who sent the gift. Really, I know how much they must appreciate them because it gets awfully cold nights around this place. I can hardly wait for the big box of helmets to come and be distributed. I

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have asked some of the men how  
they sleep nights. Three men in  
the whole company have pajamas.  
The others are using their cotton  
uniforms to sleep in and that means  
they sleep in all their clothes. I am  
sure, after my investigation that  
pajamas would contribute wonderfully  
to the comfort of the men if you  
can arrange to get them. Major  
Syle heartily endorses this statement.

It has warmed up a great deal  
today and is really very pleasant.  
This afternoon, Major Syle and  
Major Morrow and myself are  
going out target shooting with  
our revolvers. I am going to try  
to beat them both and I think I  
can do it. I am having one of

the men paint some targets this morning. The whole company has gone on a rabbit hunt this morning and I think they ought to get some today. I couldn't go as I had so much to do around the Exchange. However I may get a chance to eat some of the rabbits. When I got back to camp last night I found that some of our men (2) had come down with measles and that the whole company just missed being quarantined. Wouldn't that have been rotten luck? The two men who have it are isolated in separate barracks so there is no danger of the rest of us getting it. It would be fierce for this whole outfit to be

quarantined. <sup>4.</sup> wouldn't it soon?

Honey when I think of the perfectly wonderful time you and I had here during the past two days I almost go into a delirium. Wasn't it perfectly wonderful Honey, to be all alone with each other and have no interference whatever, and be able to love all we wanted to without fearing the entrance of someone else on the scene! To have all our meals together and to sleep together. To me it was the most wonderful time I ever have had — yes even more than when you were first here, because I love you so infinitely much more now

than I did there. It hardly seems possible that I could, does it dearest; but I do. Each day that goes by multiplies my love for you a thousand fold, until it has long since passed the bounds of human comprehension and I have entirely given up trying to estimate its extent. All I know is I love you passionately and devotedly; whole heartedly and completely: with all my love and life, heart and soul, strength and might. Rosenthal, Vada la, Captain Vanderwee, Maj. Moran at least, will be in for dinner with us Christmas. I think most of the others have already

made arrangements for this day  
and I am not going to regret them.  
Well my darling I will close. It  
is time for the mail to go over  
and I want this to get right off  
to you. Give my love to all. Miss my  
babies and with loads of love to  
your own dear sweet self, I am  
Your loving  
Husband.

Write me a nice, long, loving  
letter.

Daddy,