

Thursday, December 20th 1917.

My Darling Marie :-

I received my usual wonderful letter from you today dear, and it was a wonder. It is a never failing source of comfort to me to get your letters and enjoy them as I do. I am frank to say that without your letters I wouldn't know what to do. In fact life would not be worth living without them. You express so wonderfully your love for me and I do so love to read it. Your love for me is surely great - greater than anything else I know dear except my love for you. That is boundless as the Heavens and as eternal. Past all conception by human mind, I love you and adore you. All the ports the world has known, in all their

sonnets have never expressed one
tenth the extent of my love for
you. It simply cannot be expressed
and so I am necessarily content
to say "I love you." And I love my
babies. Oh! how I love them, the
dear little kiddies. I can hardly
wait for you all to come I am
so anxious to see you. I am under
the painful necessity dearest girl, of
telling you that I am on as Officer
of the Day from Saturday noon
untill Sunday noon. That means
it will be impossible for me to
come in town before 12:30 on
Sunday, and will have to return
to camp Sunday night. Then if my
plans work out O.K. I can come
in Monday afternoon, stay all
night and return to camp

Tuesday night. I guess that will
to the best I can do. If the weather
is good and the walking not too
muddy I think it would be nice
for you all to come out here for
dinner on Sunday; that is if the
Major is perfectly willing. That
we can talk over when you arrive.

The number of men we are to
have in for dinner is purely spec-
ulative. I don't know yet just who
is coming and probably will
not be able to find out until
Saturday definitely. Most of
the arrangements for our
dinner can be made on Monday
anyway. I have decided that
there will be nothing to drink.
I think it is the safest rule
and I don't care about it

anyway so we will just omit
it from the menu. I took
out \$10000 insurance today at
a cost of \$7.20 per month. The
policy will be forwarded to
you in a very short time by
the Government. On the first
of January you will receive
a check for \$11000. With my
insurance allotment out, my
balance will be \$49.47 and
when I am abroad \$16.67 added
to that will bring it up to \$66.14
I am sure I can send you all of
that except \$40.00 so that you
will receive \$135.00 per month
from me. That will help won't
it darling? I am feeling fine
today. We all worked rather hard

and³ lectured this afternoon. We
had an hour of setting up work
also, which is stiffening us all
up. because we haven't worked
much of late. It is strange
how quickly we all soften up
when we quit work for a
time. Well lover darling I
will quit now. It is mess time
and I want this to go in tonight's
mail. Best love to all. Millions
of love and kisses to you and
my darling babies Dear, from
Daddy.