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My Darling Wife :-

It is now eleven o'clock in the morning and I have all my ward work done. At one o'clock our operating team goes on duty until eight and that is all I have to do today, except that I also go on duty tonight as Officer of the Day. That is liable to keep me up all night because the O. D. has to attend to the admission of all cases after seven in the evening, and until seven the next morning.

Yesterday afternoon I received two more packages from you. One of them contained a jar of wonderful apricot and pineapple jam. The other contained :-

D.A.C. cigarettes - 2 boxes.

sock - 1 pair

Fruit candies - 1 box.

peanut crisp - 1 box.

chocolate bars - 8

chocolate buds - 1 box

1 book photos of Hospital from Hugh Roue.

I also got a lot of papers at the same time so the postman was pretty liberal with me yesterday. The sock were wonderfully well made and are lighter in weight than others I have, which is most agreeable on account of warm weather coming on. All the candy was in excellent condition and I am most thoroughly

enjoying it. I am going to write to Hugh Pouse today thanking him for the book of pictures. They are beautifully done - all hand coloured - and it is a splendid collection of pictures. I am certainly grateful to him for sending it and more than appreciate his kindness in preparing it and remembering me so nicely. All the men here think it is a beautiful hospital, and they should, for it is as fine as any I have ever seen. The pictures made me a little homesick for they reminded me of many daily duties I used to perform there - and will again some time.

I guess that the backbone of Pluvius is broken. I am finally beginning to think that the sun does shine once in a while after all. It was pleasant all day yesterday - a beautiful day. I went downtown last night with Captains Howard and Chancy and lost three games of billiards, but we got home by 9:30 so I couldn't really call it dissipation. Today is another beautiful day. There isn't a cloud in the sky and it is warm as June or July usually is. However we are not

permitting ourselves to believe that this
nice weather is going to last, for we
fully expect rain - lots of it - at any
time.

I am not going to be able to leave camp
for three days again, because of the times
my tour of duty falls. But I don't mind
at all. It is just as amusing around
camp as it is in town - however I am
glad that I went down last night, as
we had a very pleasant evening. I
am wondering now how many more
packages are over here, that I haven't
received. I haven't received the one con-
taining the pictures of the babies, and I
am very anxious to secure that one. I
am only going to send requests for
very few things because I don't think
it is right in view of conditions as
they are now, to have things sent
over here that we can secure here. I
will send several lists in a few days
which will cover everything I

need, and I may cheat a little bit at that.

Well my Darling, I must close now. It is unfortunate, but I have some more work to do before mess. a physical inspection of the men which I just got an order to attend to. It will take about an hour so I must get at it.

Give my love and kisses to Ted and my babies. Tell them I think of them all the time and am mighty lonesome for them. With all my dearest love to you, my darling girl, and a million kisses, I am your lonesome and loving
Daddy

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