

July 17 - 1918.

Sweetheart:

yesterday I was a very very busy man. I had nothing but my dressings to do in the morning but in the afternoon a continual string of cases came in and I was operating all the afternoon. I got to bed early last night and had a most glorious sleep, for it was cool and pleasant beyond description. Today we are off duty until 8:00 P.M. so I will have a quiet day but may be up all night.

I didn't receive mail from you yesterday - therefore I expect.

some today. The deliveries are very regular now and I like it much better to get one or two letters at a time and get them frequently, than to get so many at once after a long silent interval. But believe me - I am glad to get them in any number at any time.

Yesterday and today have been frightfully hot days. I am all sitting in my tent now - the walls rolled up, and I have no shirt and blouse on so that I am fairly comfortable.

I am not suffering with the heat but I am fully conscious of it. I have at last put on B.V. G's of which I have one suit, but I have some lighter underwear I secured from the Quartermaster which will do just as well. My "heavies" were altogether too heavy for this weather and I just had to take them off. Yesterday fortunately, I was able to get a hold of six lbs of very good

American candy and we sure are enjoying it. It is an extremely scarce article over here and is considered a great treat whenever we can get it. About once every two months the Commissary gets in a limited supply and there is a grand rush for it. Several of the men always think of me so I am generally well provided for.

I am delighted to read that "Fish" is getting along better. I think he

will undoubtedly improve
a lot this summer. He
should be advised by all his
friends never to leave the
Coast for I think his one
chance for permanent recovery
is to stay out there. We will
all go out to see him some
time.

I presume by this time
you know what a failure
the Germans have made
of their fifth offensive this
year and what a glorious
and conspicuous part the

Americans played in the
affair. The French people
have learned to love the
Americans and nothing is
too good for them. They sure
are fighters of the best type.
They don't know what defeat
means and they are bold
and determined that no
Dutchman are ever going
to get the best of them. I
think their fighting qualities
top both the French and
British and they can always

make an equal number of Germans
look like a lot of sheep. America
will come in for her share of
glory in the victory the Allies
are sure to win - rest assured.

How are the babies dear? are they
standing the heat of summer well?

And how are you now? I hope the
rash has entirely disappeared and
that "Minnie" is herself again. I
am sure you will be all right
dear and want you to continue

to be as careful as you have in
the past.

Well Darling I will close till
tomorrow. Give the babies and Ted
my love and kisses. With loads of
love and a world full of kisses
to you sweetheart, I am your
loving husband
A.B.

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