

August 5th 1918.

Mother Darling:-

It seems as if I never will need to stop mentioning the glorious news of the war, and really I hope I never do. Isn't it wonderful? Our greatest hopes of two weeks ago are still realized and the Germans are still running and they are running with the fear of God and the Allies spurring them on. It is a great and wonderful victory for our armies and the Joy in this Camp is marvellous to behold. It is a most significant victory too, coming at just this time but most of all it shows absolutely conclusively that the Germans are whipped and that a military decision is bound to come.

I am walking on air these days and if this route of the Boche continues I am likely to acquire a permanent delirium. I can just imagine how happy you all are at home and in fact I imagine the demonstrations there are most enthusiastic. Last night

wa - Rosy and I went out for a quiet little dinner and then played a game of billiards in which I very nearly defeated him. That is an indication of my improvement in the game for he used to beat me worse by far than he can now.

I will have to admit, however, that I am a very rotten player - very very rotten. However I can beat Dave now, I am sure, and may be able to swell our income a bit when I get home if I can get into an occasional billiard game and croquet contest.

It rained hard again last night. All night long it poured, and the ground is nice and muddy today. It is cool also, but the air is wonderful and I am glad for the rain as it was needed for crops.

I have finished all my rounds and dressings and don't go on

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duty untill one o'clock this afternoon.
I have had a most delightful hour
reading the papers & the news
now days is so good that I read
every word. I had a most wonder-
ful night's sleep - undisturbed by
any calls to duty - and feel like
a top today.

I can't get over laughing at
your permission for me to get
a kiss now and then, and then
your sudden repentance. Honey
dearest, let me assure you again
that any kisses I dispense are
to be dispensed entirely to you,
I have no doubt that you know
this, but since you gave me
permission I must give you
the assurance. Don't let it
worry you one minute any
more than I let your actions
in that respect worry me.

I love you sweetheart, with all
my love - with all my heart
and soul - and not one minute
of my life are you out of my
thought and mind. A love
as great and pure and holy as
ours, is going to keep us all
for each other, and so, my
Darling let's keep our love
for each other just as strong
as if we were together. I
think our separation has done
more to increase our love
than any thing else in the
world could do. We have
learned in many ways to appre-
ciate each other and when we
are together again, this fact
will make our life more wonder-
ful, if possible, than it was
was before we parted. I can't

conceive of the joy and pleasure we are going to have in living, after this war is over. It will be indescribable, won't it lover? And it looks now, as if the time is not so very far off.

How are my dear babies? Your last letters have said very little about them, and I like to hear about them in every one. I never worry for I know what perfect care you take of them. I got no mail yesterday, but am looking for some today and am anxious to receive it as I expect it will have some more snapshots. It is mighty nice to get these pictures dear, for they show me much more than words can tell me, that you are all in splendid health.

and getting along O.K. I really
think this is going to prove to be
a most valuable experience to you.
Don't you dear? Not, however, that
it is any more desirable on that
account.

Well Honey I will close until
tomorrow. Give my love and many
kisses to Glad and the kiddies
and with loads to yourself, I
love you.

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