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My Darling Wife:

At last September is here. It is the end of Summer and winter will soon be with us. How quickly the time does fly. It seems much less than a year ago today that I saw you first at Fort Benjamin Harrison. I only hope that the time to come will pass as quickly, and I believe if things keep on as they are going now, it will seem like a very short time indeed when Peace is declared.

I am going to digress now, long enough to list the contents of a box I am sending home. I haven't bought all the things I am going to yet, but as I am leaving for Dijon tomorrow I don't want to leave them here. These things are Christmas presents dearest. In the next box which I will send soon will be more things for Glad, the babies and Mary and Margaret. I have explained why I am sending Christmas gifts so early. You can open the boxes or not just as you desire.

- 1 Chemise — for anyone you wish.
- 1 Sunveil lace lunch cloth — for you dear.
- 1 set of collar and cuffs (embroidered) — for whom you wish.
- 1 metre of Mirecourt lace — for anyone you wish.
- 1 Mirecourt lace^{ed} embroid. lunch cloth for you dear.
- 1 Embroidered bed spread — for you dear.
- 2 mantains — for the babies. { Crown Prince,
King of Bavaria.

I am getting some more chemise and handkerchiefs and other things for Glad and Margaret and Mary - also some things for the babies which I will send in a later package. I hope you will like all of these things dearest, and send them with all my love to you all and wishes for a very merry Xmas. Don't let our separation influence you this Christmas. Remember the cause which makes it necessary.

We have been very busy the last two days. I have had no time to myself and for that reason have just realized that no mail has come to us yet. I do hope that some comes today for it is now nearly two weeks since I have had a letter from you and that was an old one. It is still cloudy weather and these nights are very fine for sleeping. I slept all through the night last night without being called and feel very much refreshed this morning. The news in the papers continues to be wonderful. There seems to be no limit to the benignity to rule and I hope they keep on.

Well - my luck has changed at last. I just received five wonderful letters from you - telling of your trip to Detroit and other things. I infer from your letters that in others which I have not received yet, you have told me that

Ferris has entered the service and has a majority. Is that so? Well, the Government has used funny methods to reward patriotism. I have been in the service over a year. I suppose I should have waited until the war was nearly over and I might have had a Colonelcy. But Honey, I wouldn't trade places nor rank with him for anything, for I have one thing that he has not; I have a comforting knowledge that it didn't take me eighteen months to do my duty.

Well Dear, I am glad to see that you went to Grande Pointe. It made me really envious for a while. I would sure love to be there. I am also glad that you have a car and I most thoroughly approve of it. I don't need any money. I get along fine with what I have and have some left over. I am going to use my surplus getting things for you that you can't get in the States.

I haven't received my orders yet to go to Dijon but expect them this P.M. In that case I will leave here tomorrow morning.

and will be gone until next Sunday. I have
sent the box and think it should reach
you all O.K. Let me know if it does. Con-
gratulate Sister for me on her birthday. Give
her a million kisses and tell her daddy
wishes her many happy returns of the
day.

Give my love to all. May God bless you
all and keep you strong and healthy and
free from harm, for my homecoming
which is getting closer every day. I love
you dear girl I love you. With all my
love to you dear heart, I am your
husband

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