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My Darling Marie:-

This morning I went over to the Mustering office and found lots of mail. Your letters were just darling, Honey, and for me to make any sort of an attempt to tell you how much better they made me feel would most certainly be futile. I can't thank you enough for the check dear, but I am not going to use it unless it is absolutely necessary. I expect my pay check every day, but it may be a day or two more before it comes. We leave this town in a day or two to go to a town called Nevada Missouri where all the Guard of this State will be mobilized. We will be in tents there and at no expense except for food

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and permit me to assure you that is welcome news to all of us who are so low financially. There are 14000 men here to be examined so we will be here at least two and possibly three weeks. In that way we will make money on our mileage and will all catch up with ourselves.

The Major put me second in command of the outfit as his adjutant this morning. The editorial about Billy was interesting and no more than I expected but I think it was mighty dirty. Still I told you he would get it right and left, don't you remember?

Thanks a thousand times for the note book fillers. They will

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sure come handy, and I am glad to get them. You can send my overcoat and heavy sweater to me here if you will. I had better have them with me because I may be sent to the North Pole next.

Keep me informed about little Marie's eye. I should have suggested Ferris to take care of that because he is more of a surgeon than Brother. However I know it will straighten out all O.K. except that it makes me sick to think of the dear little thing suffering.

I am so glad that everyone is so good to you. The Goods are certainly fine people and I surely appreciate their

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kindness to you. Tell Grover that I thoroughly enjoyed his cigarettes and thanks him a thousand times for them.

So Jack has his orders. I will see him there of course but not for 2 or 3 weeks. I know how he is feeling about this time. Give him my love and tell him I will see him soon. It rained all night and was a fine cool night to sleep. And it is much cooler today than it was yesterday.

Honey dear, let's stop telling each other in letters anything but cheerful things. We love each other – God knows how much. Let us keep our upper lips stiff and just take this whole

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thing for granted as inevitable
and unavoidable, and just be
as happy as we can under
the circumstances, having always
the mutual knowledge of our
most wonderful love, to keep us
brave and cheerful. Kiss my
dear babies and Tud for me.
With all the love in the
world, dearest girl.

A.B.