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My Darling Marie:-

Well I am leaving this town for St. Louis this evening and I am in command of a detachment of seven men. We are going down to examine and muster in the 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry and I think we will be there a few days and then come back here.

It is delightfully cool weather here now. You would expect this country to be awfully hot but it is really very comfortable.

I didn't get a letter from you today and I won't tomorrow for if one comes here it will have to be forwarded to me at St. Louis. I know that everything will be all right and I have almost stopped worrying about Tud, because I believe that by this time she has come around to her senses and decided to behave

herself. I can't really believe that she will do anything else. When we come back to this town we are going into tents at camp and will have a touch of real army life. It will be quite a novel experience. My headaches a little tonight because I have worked mighty hard, but I am sure it will clear up all O.K. Because I know how you hate aspirin I am not going to take any dear, and I am just that way about everything I know you don't like. It seems to me as if you are with me all the time and that I am doing everything right under your eyes.

I tell you dear it is a very comfortable feeling too. It keeps me feeling good all the time. I am rather glad we are going to St. Louis for there are some mustering officers with us who are as fine men as I have

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ever met. And the strange thing about it is, dear, that not one officer that I have met so far is unmarried and without children, medical or otherwise. The men of blood, all over this country are getting in the game. Champ Clark's son (Speaker of the House of Representatives) is a Lt. Colonel in this regiment and a  $\Delta T \Delta$ . He is a prince of a fellow and is helping to make it very pleasant here for me. Well dearest I must close now. Give my love to the Babies and kiss the darlings for me. Darling take lots of love and millions of kisses dear, and love me. I'll write tomorrow.

A.B.