

Jan. 4 – 18.

Sweetheart:-

Well at least here goes for another letter to you. How many more there will be I don't know. Perhaps not many. I recieved your dear telegram. It was fine to hear from you. It has been so long since I have heard from you that I was getting anxious, and your telegram was the most welcome thing I ever have recieved in all my life. I may wire today and may not. It depends on the Major's permission or lack thereof. I am very anxious to do nothing to break any rules or disobey any orders because there is nothing being done which is not for the safety of all. That must always be considered.

I have been working very hard. Harder than I have since I was on the mustering duty

before going to Fort Harrison, and I am always ready to go to bed early at night and sleep like a top. That is some satisfaction too for it keeps me feeling well all the time. We have nice shower baths here and it is a great comfort to be able to take a shower in a warm steam heated room. I don't expect comforts like this after awhile.

Really darling, I am so well it is a shame. I never cough. I am as strong and well as can be. There is absolutely nothing for you to worry about as I am just the same old fat Husband I always have been only now I am having to take care of myself

instead of having my wife do it for me. When I come back, won't we have a wonderful time? I can hardly wait for the time when we will be together again with nothing to ever take us apart. I think it will be wonderful and I long and pray for a Declaration of Peace. But it looks dubious right now. Nobody however can tell how it will look next summer and Fall. One thing is certain and that is that each day that passes brings peace one day nearer.

How are my darling babies? I can't tell you dearest how I love these pictures I have

of my family. And it never will cease to be a source of gratification to me that you were all here – I mean there – with me Christmas. I can never forget the picture little brother made when he first saw his first Christmas tree. He was the cutest thing I have ever seen.

And do you remember how Sister (the little Fox) slipped in and saw the tree ahead of time and then only “guessed” that Santa Claus had left one. I tell you that girl is a wise one. They are so sweet and I love them so. I’d give a million to have little daughter put her arms around me and say “I

love you Daddy dear.” And see brother run over to do his share too. He never will let her beat him out with the loving.

It is wonderful to have such children and such a wife. I feel that I am one of the most blessed men on earth and I sure do thank God for my dear family.

It is quite a bit warmer today: the mercury has risen to 28° from 18° below. We are close enough to the sea to make the air sharp and chilly all the time and there is an almost continual breeze. Several of the men have

gone to New York today to get parts of equipment which they have heretofore neglected to purchase. They all expect to return tonight however unless I am mistaken. I think I will walk to town tonight, send you a telegram and then go to a movie. There is only one in the town but it has a Douglas Fairbanks picture on tonight and I am sure I will enjoy it. Tony asked me to be his guest and I believe I will accept. I had all the money you gave me converted into American Express checks so that it would be safer.

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Is Dave doing anything about collecting my bills yet, Honey? If he isn't tell him to turn them over to someone who has more time to do those things. That money must come in. It will too is a little effort is made to collect it. Give Dave + Jeannette Park + Hazel my very best. Tell them I think of them very often and also Ev + Marcia.

They have all been mighty good friends of ours, I think, and we have mighty good reason to be glad we have them as friends.

Have you heard from Fish

yet? I am anxious to know how
he is getting along. He must
be in the Hospital yet. Well
Lover dear I will close. It is
time for the mail to go out, and
the mail must take this letter.
You know how much I love
you darling. Take good care
of yourself. Love me. Kiss
my babies and Tud and tell them
I love them. With all my
love, I am, dear, Your devoted
Husband.