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My Dearest Wife:-

I didn't write yesterday but did get a short letter from you – the one in which you enclosed Fisher's letter. Short as it was I was never more glad to receive anything in all my life. I know you are all well and that matters at home are satisfactory except for my absence and of course that can't be rectified. I was glad to hear from Fisher too. He is pretty despondent isn't he dear? I am certainly sorry for the poor fellow. Still I am sure that he will be all right if he only will take good care of himself. I had a letter from Eugene Smith today promising to send me some money very soon. I may be too easy on the fellow but I am going to give him a little more time for his experiences at home may have been more of an expense to him than I realize. I have been Officer of the day Today and have done quite a bit of work. This P.M. I have been drilling the Company and it really was hot out in the sun. Just at present my orderly is getting hot water ready for a bath and then after a shave, I will finish my letter to you. I have a mighty good orderly. He is the same one I had at Benj. Harrison and is improving all the time. He does all my laundry

mending, pressing and cleaning and is sure a mighty handy man. There have been a lot of aeroplanes about today. They are very interesting to watch. The weather is perfectly beautiful. It is just exactly as it was at Fort Harrison in October – cool frosty mornings but splendid sunny days. Everybody here says it is most unusual weather for this time of the year and I can easily believe it. We all expect to get paid tomorrow but whether we will or not, remains to be seen. Our February pay is very nearly due now, also. I still have money so I don't care, but some of the men are nearly broke and are much in need of immediate financial relief.

I am sorry Brother's ear doesn't recover. I would see that it gets constant attention from Ferris until it is well for if it isn't cured soon it may result in something more serious, and I want to know that all of you at home are in good health. Villars is taking a bath now. I tell him he is about as good an imitation of a shoestring as I have ever seen. It is funny to see him try-

ing to balance in a little wash tub. He is so tall. But a bath is a bath, and I wouldn't miss one if I had to take it in a tea cup. Several of the officers have gone to a nearby town today. I would have gone too only am Officer of the Day, and "He" must stay in camp. There is a large base Hospital near us with a lot of nurses and it has been amusing to me to watch the men trying to date up the two or three fairly good looking ones in the bunch. So far they have had no luck for the nurses seem to prefer enlisted men to officers and that only serves to increase the fun. Our company puts on another show at the Y.M.C.A. tonight but I am not going for I am sure it will be very much like the first one and I don't care to see it a second time. Well Honey dear I will close for today. I will write again tomorrow or next day depend-

ing on time and circumstances. Give my
love to all. Kiss my dear babies and Tud.
With oceans of love and millions of kisses
to dear, darling wife I am your devoted,
loving, homesick

Daddy.

From

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