

NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL OF
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April 15th 1918

Marie Darling:-

I have time for only a short letter today. I have worked hard all the morning and have just finished mess. There is an awful lot of work to do this P.M. and I must be ready in ten minutes to go to work. But I figure that what I can write in the minutes will be better than as if I wrote nothing at all today.

It has been raining hard all day and consequently there has been no aerial activity in this section. It has been very quiet even the big guns have not been very much in evidence. We have nothing on hand now except getting settled in this place and that is the worst job we

have had to date. There is an interminable amount of material to be put in its proper place: a laundry to be established: operating rooms to be equipped: gardens to be started and any amount of other things to be done. So you can see that we are pretty busy with all these things to do.

It is not anywhere near as muddy here as it was at our last station. There we were hardly able to move around in the mud that resulted after a rain like this, but here we don't even need rubber boots. That is one consolation at least. I am contemplating the purchase of a bicycle to tour around the country with. It is hard to go anywhere without a wheel or a mount, and so far there is no sign of a mount for us at this station.

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At our last station we had them to use if we wanted them.

This morning my left eye sprouted out with a fine young sty and it very sore now. I was surprised too that is happened because I have been careful not to use my eyes very much of late. I will be mighty glad when my glasses come because then I will be able to use my eyes without any of this trouble occuring. It has been so long since I have had a letter from you dearest, that I won't know how to act when one comes. I am in hopes that the next two or three days will bring mail from

you but I am hoping almost against hope for it takes a long time for change of station to be communicated to the postal authorities. I must have a big lot of packages and letters also over here and I will sure enjoy getting them.

All the officers are getting new clothes but I am not going to get any. Mine are as good as they ever were, due to my foresight in procuring two pairs of breeches with each suit and I am not going to spend one cent for clothes until I absolutely have to.

The official communique this morning indicates that the Germans are being held at all points. We are none of us worried for fear that anything serious will eventuate

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from this present drive. All our
spirits are high and we look
for early success.

Well Dearest Girl, I must
close. I love you Honey, with
all my heart and soul. I
love you. Kiss my dear babies
and Tud and with all my
love to my dear ones, always
remember me as your

Loving

Hubby

1st Lt. Ansel B Smith M.R.C.

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