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My Dearest Wife:-

It is 10:30 A.M. and I have just finished my work for the day. I don't go on duty again until tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, so you can see we are not very busy now. True to my prediction I was not called last night but had a fine uninterrupted night's sleep. It rained all night, but was a fine night for sleeping and I was perfectly refreshed when I got up this morning. We had some wheat cakes for breakfast and they were very good and last night we had ice cream for dinner which was only fair

but tasted great. We are faring well in our mess now, and are at the same time having some wonderful meals at out tent. I have enjoyed so much looking at the picture I got of you Tud and the babies yesterday. I think you all look wonderfully well and you have no idea what a great relief it is to me to be able to see the improvement in your condition. The babies and Tud look fine too. I'm glad to have the pictures of Tud. They are the only ones I

have. I have never seen a cuter picture of Brother than the one of you three together. He certainly looks like a regular boy. And sister is so sweet. I tell you Darling I am sure proud of my dear family and love you all so much. I can make out the extent of the flower garden along the east side of the house in that picture and can imagine how pretty it will be when it is all in bloom. You have done a lot of work around the yard this year haven't you dearest? I know it has improved it a lot. I have always been glad we put the garden in the backyard and now that it is in I'll bet that you are glad too that it is there. Do you remember how everybody laughed at us when we put it in? They all said we could raise nothing there, but we fooled them didn't we dearest?

I am really delighted that you like the things I sent you, so

much and also that you are
saving them for your [trousseau]
I will have a chance to
enjoy them myself now won't
I? What a wonderful time
we are going to have when
I return Honey! Neither of
us can realize now just ex-
actly how wonderful
it will be and it will be
like a delightful dream
when the time does come.

The sun is shining now
and if it stays out I am
going downtown this P.M.
to play a game of billiards
with Capt. Chaney. We play

almost an even game and
so have a lot of fun at it. It
is my time to beat him this
afternoon for he took me
down the last time.

When is Tud planning
to sail? I want definite
news that will reach France
before she does. Yes dear, I
get the Press – not regularly,
but from time to time, and
it is generally torn and
very dirty as they send it
unwrapped. It seems to us
that it is a rather poor
way of sending papers over

four thousand miles and I think it would be as well to discontinue it. I got my third pair of glasses yesterday dear; and now I am surely well fitted out. I am taking excellent care of my eyes and know that they will be all right now that I can relieve the strain on them. I read nothing except the morning papers and your letters and I don't think that is very much.

Well my darling I will close for today. I will write more tomorrow but there will be no more news in it than in this. I love you dearest, with all my heart and soul. I love you. God bless you and my sweet kiddies, and keep you from all harm. I love you all so much

Daddy.

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