

September 19- 1918.

My Darling:-

Owing to the fact that I fell asleep on the bed this P.M. you very nearly went without a letter from me today, but by good luck I woke up in time and saved my reputation. I have recieved no mail for two or three days from you, but I got a letter from Jack this morning. He wants me to take my leave now, as he is going to take his, but owing to the arrangement of matters here, I am unable to get away untill about Christmas time, sn't that hard luck. It seems as though Jack and I are fated to see nothing of each other during our service. However I intend to stop off and visit him when I do take my leave and have written

him to that effect.

The news from the Front took another jump today. More gains of ground in a most important sector, and 6000 prisoners. Not so bad eh! It shows that the Allies are not through yet and that Germany's final stopping place this Fall, will be a lot nearer to Germany than she expected. It also gives one a fair idea what to expect next summer and gives the laugh to Austria and Germany for having the nerve to make a peace proposal at this time. Every day that passes dear, is truly bringing this terrible war nearer to an end and bring us nearer to each other. I fully expect Peace in the Spring or summer of 1919 and a Peace of the sort we all

want. We will have them very thoroughly whipped by that time and will be able to dictate our own terms of settlement.

The nurses are giving a tea party this afternoon to which all the officers are invited.

You know how much I enjoy things of that sort dear? Rosy Dempsey and I all made up our minds not to go and just before time the K.O. (Major Morrow) came in and requested us to go. Rosy and Dempsey went just for policy's sake, but I stayed at home, resolved that if my own wife couldn't get me to go to one of the things it would take a lot more than a Major to do it even if I am in the Army. It would be funny if I should be court martialed for refusing to go to a tea over here

in the war zone. Wouldn't it
dearest? If I have one coming
I will take it gladly and
welcome the opportunity to
tell the court what I think
of social functions at such
a time and place. I'm afraid
dear that I am going to be
a worse hermit than ever
when I get back home but
I hope you and Glad won't
mind. I'll let you drag me
out anywhere you wish
but if any new dances have
been invented since I left
don't try to teach them to
me. I just want to enjoy
my family and my home,
I have been away from
you so long and am so
lonesome for you. Does it
seem possible that it was a

year ago that we started keep
ing house in Indianapolis?

We had a good time there didn't
we lover dear? And I slipped
a lot over on the Army that
they will never know about.

They were really happy days
for me, there. It was so
wonderful to have you all
with me and I enjoyed it so
much. Well happy as they
were and happy as we have
been in the past, it is all
nothing to what we will enjoy
sometime in the future. It will
be the most wonderful pleasure
we have ever had or ever
will have. If we live to be a
thousand years old we will
never have happiness that will
equal that of our reunion.

You know that as well as

I do don't you? Let's pray
that that time may come
soon.

Well Dempsey is back from
the tea and gives me credit
for good sense in staying at
home. It is now dinner time
so I will close. I love you
my darling. I love you. God
bless you and my dear ones
and keep you all safe from
harm for

Daddy.

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