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Sweetheart:-

I recieved three wonderful letters from you yesterday but was disturbed and worried by the news that the White Star Line has passed a dividend. I am not at all worried about the future status of the stock but I am worried regarding your immediate supply of cash and am wondering what will happen. I am very anxiously awaiting your next letters to see what you have to say further on the subject. By all means use the Wallace and G.R. [Upholstering] Co. dividends to live on and that together with the monthly pitance you recieve from me, and what I can contrive to send you besides, will fix it all right if you are very

careful, as I know you are.
Of course when I get my
promotion, as I will some
time if my appreciative chiefs
ever decide to act on the
matter, I will be able to about
double the amount you are
at present receiving from
me and that will help a
whole lot. However dearest,
I feel as you do about me,
that God will protect you
and help you in all ways
and I am sure all will
work out in the end O.K.
It is a wonderful cause and
I know that by exercising
care you can manage
the situation all right. I
have absolutely implicit and
unbounded confidence in your

ability to do so. It isn't going to be long dear. The Bulgarians are hallooing for peace. They will get it when they unconditionally surrender and then the Turks will be entirely out of the war and the Eastern Hungarian boundary will be unprotected, thus putting Austria and Germany into a hole from which they will be absolutely unable to extricate themselves.

Never have matters looked so bright for the Allies as they do now. It seems as if the possibilities of Peace before Spring are increasing every day, for each day brings more and more news of German reverses and losses.

The line on the Western front is shrinking toward Germany and soon will be doing so more rapidly. So, we will rejoice in spite of our worries for the end is near and we will soon be looking back on present events, and wondering if I have been away after all.

We have been busy. The extent to which our army is engaged is reflected in the number of cases we care for, and we have been busy. Our men are wonderful. Each time they enter a fight one is compelled to wonder at the wonderful spirit and dash that characterizes every thing they do – and the uncomplaining

fortitude which helps them bear suffering without a murmur. They are wonderful soldiers.

I have been unable to leave camp for several days but expect to go downtown either this afternoon or tonight with Rosy for a game of billiards. He hasn't returned from the mess hall yet so I don't know whether he can go or not, but I imagine that we will go after our French lesson which comes at 4:30. It is very cool out and at present is cloudy, although frequently the sun succeeds in breaking through for awhile, and making

the world more cheerful. I heard some of the officers saying yesterday that they were coming back to this country sometimes with their wives, to visit their old haunts over here. I didn't express myself to them, but to you I will say, most emphatically, that the U.S.A. will afford us most of our travel amusement. I have enough of France. I guess that will meet with your approval too, unless you are more fond of boat travelling now than you were at one time. How about it dear?

Rosy just came in and we are not going downtown.

I will occupy my time in
studying French for awhile
and then take a nap.

Well dearest, I must close
now. Give my love to the
dear children and Tud, and
give them lots of kisses for
me. Let me know your exact
financial condition so that I
won't worry at all about it
dear. I can find many ways
to relieve any troublesome
situations far away as I am
so I want to know all about
it. So darling, good bye and
God bless you. I love you
my dear dear girl. I love
you.

"A.B."

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