

October 12th 1918.

My Darling Wife:-

I didn't write to you yesterday.

I had another of the days that seem to occupy every moment with duties, and I had to hustle all day long to get through, so that last night I was dead tired. However the day was not a disappointment. Far from it. In addition to the wonderful – almost unbelievable news at the Front, I recieved two dear letters from you, so I was perfectly happy all day long. Your letters were sweet dear. In them you said you had recieved my letter telling what I was sending in the box, so that by this time you must have the box. I hope that everything you recieve will be enjoyed. I now have

secured all the articles I have been waiting for except the doilies and I will get them next week. I will enumerate them so you can tell what they are, and you can dispose of them as you see fit. I returned the lace handkerchiefs and secured some embroidered ones instead. I have ordered a lace buffet cover to match the Mirecourt lace luncheon set. Following are the articles that will be in the next package:-

2 yds of Mirecourt lace.

3 yds “ “ “.

2 “ “ Malines lace (very fine).

1 doz Mirecourt lace doilies.

1 embroidered chemise (pour vous)

3 handkerchiefs (embroidery)

1 embroidered table piece.

The buffet cover will come later as it is being made to order in the size you gave me.

of its beauty as a masterpiece of embroidery than its utility. I think it is a marvelous bit of work, and am interested in hearing what you think of it. Incidentally I don't think the handkerchiefs are so rotten. If you think they are too good to give to Mary and Margaret, keep them for yourself and Tud and give them something else from me. The Maline lace is very rare now and extremely hard to get. I think it is a beautiful delicate design, and it is wonderful to me that women can make such things with their hands. I am going to get more chemise for you and if you want any boudoir caps or negligées, let me know. How about a dress of the Luneville point lace? They are very

pretty and can be altered. How about night gowns, envelopes, “Teddys” etc? I can get anything in lingerie, embroidery or lace that you can think of and it seems to me that now is a good opportunity to do so. I am using my own judgement regarding the things but am afraid I may ship some time.

I have given up my leave. I have withdrawn my name. I don't need the “rest” and I don't want to see any more of this country than I can see right through my window this very moment. It is much more satisfactory to spend the money for things I know you love and we both will enjoy so I have decided to do do and so has Rosy. Don't you

think I am nice dear?

I recieved the first copy of "Life" from Cora yesterday and am going to write to them and thank them today. It is certainly nice of them to remember me and I do appreciate it. I had a letter from Dave telling me that my income tax return has been attended to and I appreciate it. I hope you have good luck with the accounts but I imagine that Dave has done as well as he could with them and I want you to express my thanks to him for he is accepting no pay for his services, you know.

Well dearest I must close
now. It is very nearly
mess time and I am always
punctual at mess.

Give my love and kisses
to Glad and my dear babies.
With my dearest, dearest love
to you sweetheart, and a
million kisses.

Daddy.

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