

November 6th '18.

My Dearest Wife:-

The time is flying as rapidly now as if it were on wings. It is nearly Thanksgiving, and dear, if I am not mistaken it will be one of the greatest Thanksgivings we have ever had. This is in full cognizance of the fact that we will still be separated. There is no doubt about that. But Honey Dear, the war is being won. Everywhere and in every way it is being won, and can you or I concieve anything that will bring more joy to the world, or more to be truly thankful for than Peace? Won't it be wonderful Sweetheart? It will mean our reunion soon and that is the one thing I am looking forward to with greatest longing. It seems at times that I can hardly stand it dear. I am so lonesome for you and

my babies. I long for you so much dear that I don't know how I will act when the war is really over and I know that our reunion is only a matter of time to be determined by our own Government.

I don't think that any day in your life or mine will ever stand out as such a great day as the one which marks our reunion. I try to visualize your actions and mine when we see each other after such a long separation. I don't believe either of us knows just how we will act but what I do know is that it will be the greatest moment of my life when I am again united with my dear family – with all in this world that I love. Won't it be

wonderful sweetheart?

I have been very busy for the past two days. Yesterday was pay day and it took nearly all the afternoon, in fact I am not quite through paying all the men yet. I have to go through the hospital and pay all the men who are sick, and there are a few who were out of town at the time and did not get paid on that account so I have still a lot to do with that end of it. I have not made my rounds nor my inspections yet this morning. One thing after another has happened to hold me in the office, so now I am going to wait until the mail man comes before leaving. His

arrival yesterday was a great disappointment for he had no mail for me. I am so disappointed that I have not heard from the box because now these things I have here will never reach you in time for Christmas. But dear girl, you will get them some time or other that is certain. I will bring them to you if I don't send them to you. I know you will like the things I have for you. I think some of them are perfectly beautiful and I must say that I have never seen such embroidery as these women do, over here. I am going to get you some more chemise's and a few nightgowns before I leave here. I know how you like

such things.

It was a beautiful day yesterday and is not bad today although the sun is not out. I am going for a walk this afternoon if all goes well. It has been very hard for me to get away lately at all, but I am going this P.M. if an opportunity comes up.

Well my Darling I must close for today. I will write again tomorrow. With all my love and kisses to you and my little ones, I am your loving husband.

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