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My Darling Wife:-

Work? Well I guess I have worked. I worked so hard all day yesterday and all night last night that I ought to be dead tired, but instead I am still automatically working. No one can tell me now that I won't see some surgery while I am over here. I have been in the operating room for 22 consecutive hours. It reminds me of my old hospital days at college when we would get a rush of emergency cases. I like it better than any other work I have had since joining the army, but it is hard work and I wouldn't have been able to stand it without the physical training Uncle Sam wisely gave me before he put me at it.

I got two letters from home yesterday; two papers, and a

box containing a jar of Ferndell brand jam. It was the first box I have received for a month and I was sure glad to get it. It is wonderful jam too, so good in fact that I am being stingy with it and giving none to anyone except my bunkie. Yes I have a Bunkie. Lt. [illegible] and I are living in this tent together and we really have it fixed up very nicely for comfort. It has rained steadily each day and is still cold, but it is most comfortable in the tent and we sure do sleep well when we get a chance to sleep at all. This afternoon if work lets up a little I am going to try to get away for awhile and go downtown. I am waiting for the first sunny day to have my pictures taken for you. It will be just my luck to have to work all that day when

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it does come but I am really going to have my picture taken dear and I will send them as soon as I can get them.

I saw in the paper last night that Mrs. Hulst has been asked to resign from the schools and it serves her right. Any one with pro german sentiments now days should be treated much more drastically than that however. Don't you think so dearest? I hope they treat the Doctor the same way because I know he is pro German and has been ever since the war began.

What do you hear from the Kiefer's in Detroit? Something I saw in on one of the Detroit papers led me to believe

that possibly he is having  
some trouble there. I hope  
not for he is as loyal an  
American as ever lived.

There was a very heavy  
artillery engagement last night  
and the guns sounded almost  
as if they were out in our  
back yard, which, thank God,  
they were not. We can hear  
them very plainly here for  
the sound carries right down  
the valley.

It is mess time now and  
I must go. I am not satisfied  
with this letter so am going  
to leave it and see if I can  
steal some more time this  
afternoon, to make it a better  
one. Goodbye lover dear, for  
awhile. I love you.

Well I have had mess, and sure  
enough, while I was eating the

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Major came in and told me of some work that just came in and which he will get at immediately after dinner. So in spite of my good intentions I am not going to be able to write any more after all. For when there is work to do it has to be done.

Well Honey I will close. I love you my darling. Oh! so much. I wish we could be together but when we are dear we will do all we can to make up for lost time. Give my love to all and kiss my dear babies. With millions of kisses and all my dearest love to you darling girl I am your loving  
Husband

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