My Darling Wife:

I had a wonderful letter from you, written from Chicago. It surely seemed good to hear from you so soon, dear. You are as sure as you can be to write to me so soon and I love you for it. I hope you had a good time in Chicago deal and that you found everything you wanted while you were shopping. Did you finally succeed in getting Nap and his lemon bride?

I have had a fairly hard day today. This morning when we got up, we found the ground covered with about two inches of snow and it has been beautiful all day. It has not been cold at all. This morning the Company went on another rabbit hunt and got two more rabbits.

After they returned we took them
over to the Y.M.C.A. for a sing and had a lot of fun. Then we came back to camp and there has been nothing since except lectures.

Major Morrow has returned from his leave and is now with us permanently. He is a wonderfully fine fellow and makes a most pleasant addition to our group. Captain Howard is living in town for a short time now, doing some extra work in X-ray at the City Hospital. We all miss him very much as he is such a fine fellow and so well liked. I had another long letter from Jack Connell. There was very little news in it as it was very carefully censored but there was an undercurrent
of homesickness and suffering that makes my heart bleed for the poor fellow. Don't forget his mother. Write to him and send him a box occasionally. When you get an opportunity call up Mr. Wallace, and tell him that I got his letter and will reply to it at my very earliest opportunity. I have really very little time to write to anyone beside you and I don't care if I never do. But you must get your letter every day—at least while I am in this country, and I intend that you shall.

I tell you darling it is worth while to have a wife like you. To know that you are bring
loved every minute by the sweetest and dearest girl in the whole world is a wonderful thing.

It makes me so much more contented and happy dear, to know that you feel as you do about me bring in the army. To me it is perfectly wonderful dear, and I most certainly thank God for the change in your mind regarding the matter.

I am so delighted with Tuck's change too. Tuck is a wonderful little girl and I love her a lot. It was mighty comforting to me to get her assurance that things will go smoothly as far as she is concerned. You two girls must remember you are dependent on yourselves and you must be very tactful with each
other. It takes two to make a quarrel. Don't forget that. I'm not preaching to you kids, but I tell you it will be a great comfort to me to know that there is lots of harmony at home instead of discord.

My cold is ever so much better now and I am feeling like myself again. My chest is practically normal and the cough practically none. Isn't that fine, dearest? I certainly did have a hard time with that cold and I do hope I never have another for I don't believe I have ever been quite so uncomfortable in my life as I was then. But I feel just as fit as a fiddle now.

I just tried on my overcoat
and it is a very much different looking coat now than it was. He took a lot of cloth out and shortened it considerably and I really will admit that it feels much more comfortable.

However Major Gyle and Villars said that I was foolish to have it done and that it looked better long than shortened as it is now. I don't think so and I know it didn't feel so comfortable. It is somewhat lighter.

Tony and Villars are going down town to have dinner with some women tonight. Last night some of the men went to see the show at the Murat - the one you and I nearly went to see - but they said it was rotten. Clifton Crawford left the company just before it reached Indianapolis. So Honey dear, Fare
glad we didn't go after all. And we had a much better time than if we had gone, didn't we, honey? Well I am going to close now. It is nearly time for me, and I have to go over to see that everything is all O.K. Our mess is very good, and I have been getting compliments from all sides regarding it. Give my love to everybody. Kiss my darlings, and give them their Daddy's love. And all the love in the world to you and millions of kisses.

"A.B."