October 9th, 1918.

I am starting this letter very early in the morning (you never could guess how early) as I am going to be well rushed with work today and may not have another opportunity as good as this to write. It is now just Eight o’clock. I have not yet signed my morning reports yet. I got up at 6:45 — my regular rising hour now — and shaved before breakfast, so that I would be already to start work bright and early.

Last night we had some cases brought in that were in pretty bad condition and some of them, that were in shock, we had to leave until today to operate. They are a great deal better this morning than they were last night. It rained nearly all night but has stopped now, and is cool.
and disagreeable out. It looks as if it might rain at almost any time so I won't be too optimistic about it. I hope I get mail today.

The news papers yesterday did not contain a great deal of news but all they did offer was very interesting. The offensive is still progressing very satisfactorily for us and very disastrously for the Boche and that is all the news we want after all. Yet the good work keep on. They can't be too badly whipped, that is certain.

Expect today that the papers will contain news of President Wilson's reply to the German peace note and I don't expect that a good deal of consideration will be
given to it. It would seem as if all the tremendous effort and sacrifice had been in vain if the Germans were permitted to effect a Peace at the present time. They have too much to account for and too much to repay. I think that Peace will come in a comparatively short time and when they are much more disposed to accept the terms which the Allies are going to be disposed to offer them.

I wonder if my next letter from you will tell of the receipt of the box I sent you. I can't get you more of the embroidered bed spreads if you like them and also more linen sets of a different kind of lace. I have no pleasure greater dear than
the purchase and sending to you of these things that I know you love. So I want you to be absolutely free in telling me what you want, just as you always have been when I am at home.

The papers just came and I have glanced at the headlines which indicate to me that I have much intensely interesting reading still coming, for the news is wonderful again and again it is the American Army which is making news. There is a new advance before Verdun and near Cambrai and St. Quentin and from indications it is just the impetus needed to send the Boche on his way to Berlin. These are truly very
wonderful days.

Well my Darling I must close. It is now nearly time
for rounds and I have a
lot of work in the operating
room so with apologies for
the brevity of this letter, I'm
close. Give my love and lots of
kisses to Glad and the dear babies.
With my dearest love to you,
and millions of kisses, I am
your loving and love some

Husband

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