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To. Mrs. A.B. Wight.

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Dearest Girl and my Kiddies:

If you find a lot of mistakes in the spelling and a few letters letters left out and things of that sort in this letter why just lay it to a new machine and as I have to use it a lot and have to get used to it I am going to practice a bit on you so make up your mind to bear with me until I get real expert with it then you can holler about mistakes.

I have had breakfast and should be getting up my statement for December but I only have three abstracts to get together and they are simple so that I will have them out by noon and mailed.

I woke up this morning with a doubt in my mind about the way I was handling the war risk insurance and Liberty Loan abstract but got hold of a general order about them, that they just happened to have at head quarters and am about satisfied with my method now, it is not sense they way they are handled on the paper but to tell the truth this army bookkeeping dont make much sense to me any how, I'll hear or wont hear from them in about a month, if I hear I will know what to do the next time, if I dont hear I will know that I am all right. I am going to begin to holler for a clerk, there is none available here, the bot I have is of no use to me except to figure on pay rolls once a month opposite me and then I am never satisfied with his figures, the Major commanding the U.S. detachment here told me to begin sending telegrams, that I was entitled to a clerk and to keep overlastingly after them till I got one, he said "I know damned well that they have some one down there that they can send you", he also said that this was the first aviation camp to have a disbursing officer and that they, the aviation headquarters in Paris, were just raising hell--etc. because they did not have one, also I am the first and only quartermaster U.S. Army in Italy, there was at least one place that I got to first, was there not, no two, Aviation Camp and Italy, just put that down in our little book for we uns and the children to talk about

in the years to come. My balamed machine failed to shift enough and I nearly got two lines on top each other.

Oh yes before I forget, I want to tell you about this War Risk Insurance and pensions. I wrote you from Besancon that you would get \$57:50 on account of the insurance, per month for twenty ye rs and in addition get a pension also, I now find that this is not the case, the insurance is all that there is to it but I believe that in cases where the dependent can show that this amount is not sufficient that the government will take some action in regard to it. Where I got off wrong was what the young fellow that was out explaining the thing to all of us said and I find that he did not know all that he was talking about. I had read the law as enacted and thought that he was wrong and asked him especially but he told me that I was mistaken, that the pensions still had, the Major just came back from Paris

and he told me yesterday that I was right in my contention all the time.

Yesterday after lunch I got out and hunted up a fellow, one of the cadets, to play a little catch with me, I had been sitting in my room working for two days and three nights without taking any exercise whatever and was about to blow up and after playing a little while the major and three others of us went to town and to another flying camp and I felt a great deal better. now in about two hours I will have these papers up and mailed and then for the pay rolls, they will be easy this time, they were full of corrections running clear back in some cases to July and both foreign and home pay and the difference in pay between cadet and private, some job, but this time there are only a few corrections I am told and the only thing is to be careful so I can work them out in a day if I can get that infernal kid that figures with me to sit still long enough and I will have a try at it.

Before I start on the rolls I am going for a nice long walk and I am going to take one every day to keep fit.

I will, have to quit now and get to work and any how I have they blamed thing on my mind and cannot think of things to say to you so there you are.

I, of course, have the photos of yourself and Glenard and Phid and the one of the Baby up where I can look at them all of the time and they are a great help, but they make me so want to see you all, all the time. Before them and to those photos are the only prayers I say, I hope that I will not be called on by the recording angel and requested to give an account of why I did this, but all my hopes are for you my family and here's hoping that in this year of 1918 and not too long, that we will be together.

Dont think that I am blue, I am too busy for that, but I do get so heart sick to see you all that it hurts mightily and then I have to dig into something and try to forget my longing. I am not the only one over here with a family and they are all in the same fix, wanting to get back to the Good Old U. S. A., and the folks waiting there for them.

Dont ever get the notion that any of the fellow like this being away from the folks that they love or that the excitement drives the longing out of their minds, not for a minute, it just makes them more determined to whip hell out of the Huns and have it over with quick.

With all my love for you sweetheart and those boys of mine I am,

*With all my love.
Your loving husband and dad.
Army Privy to*

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