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my Sweet wife,

could write all night
and then never tell you
all that's on my mind. 'cause
there's a heap and it's all
about you.

First - I've had nine
of your letters in four
days and that includes one
day with none. Saturday
brought six and the
Red Cross ~~box~~ package. They
came at 4:00 clock and at
4:30 we had to leave for
a party at the school. I
attended - about 60 miles
away. I shaved - dressed and
read 3 of those letters before
we left, and what wonder-
ful letters they were - I
just naturally bubbled over
all evening. We got home

in time for work next morning
and I couldn't read the rest till
Sunday night - then I had an extra
one. Tonight came two more -
one with the announcement - and
one with the pictures. How I do
read and read them. Really
nothing has ever done me so
much good as those letters - and
that goes even for all the
beautiful things you have done
for me.

You are wonderful - Sweetheart -
for your spirit. Your letters are
just as you would talk were
I with you. with never a hint
of a loneliness or a worry. What
a comfort and inspiration it is
to have someone who can
understand so well, and then be
adapted to any situation. Never
had two people such a clear
understanding - one of the other -
and never was one more helpful
to another as you have always
been to me. In the most fortu-
nate lover there ever was.

money! bah!!! Let me hear
no more of reducing the allotment.
On the contrary as time goes
on you are to receive more.
I sent the \$30 because I was
afraid you might run short.

I'm now preparing to buy a
new suit and some boots, and
next month I'm going to send
\$50 to mother - may I? I'm
very anxious to have both
mother and Eva visit N.Y. this
summer. It will be worth that
much to us to have you see
them. If you think I'm not
playing square to our own ac-
counts you'll tell me want you
please? and if you think their
coming isn't an investment for
you tell me that too please.
You'll always believe that I'm for

me and thee first and
always won't you Kiddie?

What can you send me?
Eats yes - candy and cake
if they're home made. We
have an excellent mess (San
now Battalion?) mess officers
for good) and we have plenty
of good food - deserts - smokes
etc. There's one thing tho' "
Kiddie it's pictures - pic-
tures of you. Send 'em fast
and fairs along with
all those letters. Nothing
else can cheer like they
do.

You won't be scared
if a couple of officers
come to see you, will you?
The Corps is going to send

a bunch of Lieutenants back
to the states as instructors
each month. You see we are
the first U.S. Troops to get
actual experience. Five are
leaving from this battalion
and, of course, they'll come to
see you. When will my turn
come? Don't know - you see
these men have been enlisted
men in the Sig. Corps for a good
many years ^{and were in France all summer} but I'm getting the
experience that counts right
now and the recommendation
of the school that I would make
an Army School instructor will
count. Don't count too much
on it, but cheer yourself a bit
that a few months may see me
back.

about this party Saturday
night. All Signal Officers in
a certain large unit get to-
gether on occasions to eat-
drink and make merry, and in-
cidentally exchange ideas. We had
to go 60 miles to make it - but
we did. Coming home we had
a blowout just "as dawn be-
gan to break". Now as a medical

officers for our battalion we have
a Mr. J. Campbell. He rode with
me that morning, and while
the puncture was being repaired
some Frenchmen came up to
talk. One asked Doc where he
was from - "Oh close to N.Y. in
N.Y.!" Then I took up the conver-
sation and discovered that his
home is in Patterson, and that
he used to spend summers in
Ramsey from his fifteenth year
on. He got right into the
crowd I ran with there - Fred
Rufner - Harold Stikeman, and
all those fellows just after I

left. wasn't that a
queer fact to discover
in a sleepy French village
just at daybreak? When
Sint. Jenkins comes to
see you ask about Doc
Campbell. You can be-
lieve all he says unless
it is complimentary to
me - see!!!

We've had some pretty
big things happening
about here, and I'm
now on the jump - night
work and all. But I love
it sure I do. It doesn't
leave time to write tho'
but I know you will
understand - you always
do - you old sweetheart.

I've started to read Schopenhauers essay on "The wisdom of Life" and would like to proceed further.

I haven't seen walt. He is here tho' and the fellows at school saw him. He was at H.Q. the day after Ed and I were there. I believe he is now at school (not the same one ~~as~~ ^{that} I attended)

Yep I got my coat - just the other day. Now that winter is about over. Can't understand how I got along without it all these ~~yes~~ months.

I had a letter from Mr. Hendricks that I liked a lot. Better send it eh. Also a card from Frey.

Better go now! Sweetheart, I had intended to write several letters tonight - but it's too late now.

I'm looking at your picture just eating it up. It's the first time I've seen your face for nearly 3 months - and how good it seems. Oh yes it's a bit crooked

and it does show something
"else" but not much, and don't
you dare take to bandaging
it will you?

I'm loving you, my sweet
wife, with all the love that's
burning inside of me - want to
see you real soon - and want
to be absolutely sure that you
don't worry 'cause everything's
lovely - and I'm very comfortable,
and intensely interested.

Love - lots, and millions
of kisses and hugs. Love Tom.

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Mr. Tom P. Walker, Second Lieutenant,
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My dear Tom:

We have just had a letter from Ruth,
saying that she had a cablegram from you that you
had arrived safely in France and were well.

We are delighted to hear it, and I
sincerely trust that everything will go well with
you.

We have heard quite often from Ruth
since you left here, but unfortunately we could
not write her a Christmas letter, because we had
mislaid, by some mischance, her communication which
had given your address in New York.

We hoped that we might hear again
from you soon and communicate with you in time be-
fore you had a chance to get away. We should have
liked to have sent you a letter before you went
aboard ship to cheer you on your way.

We certainly are very much interested
in you and Ruth, and we hope that nothing will come
between you in this war, and that you will return to
this country to take good care of her, as she deserves.
We shall be glad, indeed, to hear from you occasionally,
if it is possible, and we trust that if there is any-
thing we can do for Ruth while you are gone, that you
will indicate it to us when you write.

With kind remembrances from us all, I am

Yours sincerely,

A. W. Hendrick

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*A Happy New Year
May the New Year bring you
much happiness.*

I didn't know how to
address you, Ruth so sent
this to Tom. Mac
told me how I might
address your letter.
It's rather late in
the day to be offering
congratulations but I
hope you'll excuse
my negligence, I accept
my very, very best
wishes.

A Merry Xmas and
a Happy New Year.
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