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My Sweet wife - It's Paris
again - think of that -
Seems to me I last wrote
you from here - perhaps there
is one since - I can hard-
ly tell for it seems there
is no time - no night -
no day - just a sequence
of startling events - with
no regard for light or
dark - ill or well - nothing
only a march of happenings.
When I wrote you last
we had just been pulled

out of a rather interesting
(meaning lively) sector
for a period of rest - for
even good soldiers don't
"soldier" all the time.

We were mighty comfortable
too - yes it was quiet
and nice - with only
training to do - and reg-
ular hours for sleep for
those who could stay
away from Beauvais.

Then the order to
move to another area -
apparently to continue the
rest - Then like a thun-
derbolt the order to move
immediately - and twenty

four hours later after
having moved 30,000 men
a great many kilometers -
(and mind that with men
we must consider food -
guns - material of all sorts
- and horses - oodles of 'em)
we were attacking Fritz.
Yip we were (of the
bunch that so completely
surprised our Dutch friends
a few mornings ago -
and we made good -
wonderfully good - and
we are all very much
elated over our successes
for truly this is our
first real try - but:-

a battle's kind of
a strange sensation—
that is a big battle.
While the thing is
going on a fellow has
such a great deal to
do that he thinks
little of just what is
happening— He knows
that the percentage of
hits allows a safe
margin for him to
continue about his job—
and except for a chance
to ease some poor cuss
along, or a particularly
interesting batch of
prisoners there are



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no interruptions. He really is absorbed, and exhilarated so that he seems to be about the most common place business.

It's like now tho' after a wonderful dinner at the Cafe du Paris - the Revue at the Folies Bergere - and now a perfect palace of an apartment at the Ritz - all three-places that stand at the top for

perhaps the whole
world - it's now that
the whole thing seems
so far away and im-
possible. It seems
incredible that only
two days ago I was
finishing my fifth day
with practically no sleep
and a very little hard
bread and corned beef
and that I was trampling
over the litter of a
battlefield - falling flat
when one came my
way - covered with dirt
and mud - my clothes
sticking to me from the

several days sweet. It
doesn't seem that I
could have been so
uncomfortable - and I
wasn't either because
just as things came
up I had plenty of
cheer and pep to meet
'em all.

Gosh it was glorious -
the hordes of prisoners -
the captured guns - horses
wagons - their dugouts -
their telephone systems -
wireless - and all those
interesting things invasion
bring out. I wouldn't
have missed it for

a very great deal - and
I hope I shan't miss
any of the happenings of
these next few months
'cause there are to be
big things happening.
wonders if I've told
too much - or perhaps
not enough. You'll just
stew your head off
either way - so what's
the use. Bosh I'm
getting along wonderfully
I've loads of friends -
we are a jolly bunch
our family from Colonel
down to Bred Sts - and
all in for the best



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fun we can find.

Today I completed my wardrobe with a new hat. a pair of leggins. a pair of shoes. some BVD's and some light soap. I really felt like I owned Paris as I paraded the Rue de la Paix to the Place Vendome and the Ritz. It's a great world.

St. D.H. Hadden the first American officer to be wounded in this

was - and quite a
celebrity from all the
places here and in
the States named for
him - leaves our battalion
for the States tomorrow.
He'll probably come to
see you - and he's a
mighty good friend of
mine. Hope you don't
miss him too.

And you went to
Boston - the letter
saying that you were
to go came the other
day. See I'm ^{so} excited
as you ~~are~~ were, 'cause
I know you will have

a mighty good time.

Hope you see Danny
and J.B., and I hope too
you run up to Haverhill.
See they'd like to see
you there - the bunch
at the office - and all
my friends there.

Now to bed 'cause
it's one o'clock - and
we're to have breakfast
in the room at nine.
We are a major - a capt -
and myself, and we are
traveling in the Cadillac
some sports n' estee pos.
Good night my sweet
wife what worries for

me all the time I'm
having such a good time.
Please don't worry - just
keep a going, and soon
it will be all over, and
then - geez just think
of then - Isn't it won-
derful.

Oh I want you so
much. to talk to - to
love and to make you
happy. I want to do
a lot for you - and I
want you to keep well
and strong till I come
back. So's night - lots
of hugs & kisses -
x x x Love, Don x x x

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TWO DIVISIONS OF A.E.F. ARE CITED IN GENERAL ORDERS

**Gen. Pershing Praises Conduct of 1st
and 2nd Divisions During Ordeal
of Modern Warfare.**

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE HERALD.)

By **DON MARTIN.**

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES.

Saturday.

General Pershing to-day issued the following general order:—

The Commander-in-Chief desires to record in the General Orders of the American Expeditionary Forces his appreciation of the splendid courage, service and sacrifice of the officers and men of the First and Second Divisions of these Forces during the recent operations in which these divisions participated and in which the enemy was checked by the resolute defence and counter-offence of the Allied armies.

These Divisions submitting fully for the first time to all drastic tests of modern warfare, bore themselves always with fine valor; their co-operation with their brothers in arms of the unified command was prompt and efficient and brought from their allied comrades many expressions of sincere appreciation.

The conduct of these brave men and that of their fallen comrades who made the supreme sacrifice has established a standard of service and prestige which every division of the A.E.F. will strive to emulate and preserve.

This order will be read to all organizations at the first assembly formation after its receipt.

By command of General Pershing
