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Aug 31, 1918
(Pretty near Sept. morn)

my Sweetheart.

I've had some letters -
and I feel an awful lot
better. - See six weeks is
a long - long time. And
I feel ~~so~~ much better
when I know you are well -
and that you can write
cheerful. cheering letters -
and that you constantly
are figuring so that I
may be entertained and
amused.

after all your requests
for an order from me - I

haven't sent one - not because
I am not concerned about your
requests - but truly sweetheart
it seems a shame to have you
send things when I can get all
that I need here. Truly I don't
lack for a thing - I have plenty
of opportunity and money to get
what I need - and yours
sending things is a costly risk
even though a keen pleasure.

But Kiddie - you can please
still send Life - and never -
never neglect to send pictures
how I enjoy them - they are
all that I manage to save
of all you send. They make the
long stretches possible. and send
clippings too - please - but as
for things to eat and wear -
there is already too much.

yesterday when I drew my
pay it occurred to me that I
had promised to raise your
allowment to \$100 to start any^{pt}
I promised them forgot. I'll do
it soon however, and let
you know when to expect it.
Say isn't old Prof. Lewis -
the old far? He saw you

first!! Guess lots of fellows
have that that - but they've
all discovered that a guy
Jont. used to hover around
once in a while. Oh I don't
blame 'em a darned bit - but
it had to be so 'cause you
were brat up that way. Yes, no?

Say - Suesy - you must have
made a home run in Towerhill -
Alice's letter - then Clarence's en-
closed. Doesn't take long for
you to grab hold of their hearts
does it? Bless your heart!! x x

Had to buy a watch
today. mine for a wee bit
sick and these French-
men can't fix it. This
afternoon I found a watch-
maker with another dis-
vision, and I expect he
can fix it. Cost 50 fr. for
a new one tho' but two
is not too many.

But you're just natur-
ally eating war news
these days - about good
enough to eat isn't it?
and I'll bet you save
the papers so you can
see what was happening
on the days I wrote.

well we've been in lots
of it right from the first
day - and it's been truly won-
derful.

My major has gone - my Captain
goes right away - and Conley and
I are the longest with the
battalion. Both go to the
states the maj. to be Lt. Col.
and the Capt. a maj. in com-
mand of a battalion.

Old Capt. I guess for more
than any - he's a wonderful man.
An old soldier - some twenty years
service - young in ideas and ac-
tions - full of pep - a mighty
nice home in Cal. - and now to
be a major. How proud his
wife and little kiddies must
be of him - for years that
Daddy was a soldier - a much
magnified man - now he's a major
and he and his family deserve
that and much more! He'll
be to see you if possible -
and I want you to meet one
of a few real friends I have
made over here. Capt. Cook
is sure a peach - and you'll
recoining it immediately also.

he will tell you how pleased
he is to be sent home -
and how pleased I'd be in
the same circumstances.

Sweetheart I want to see
you more than anything else
in the world - I want you
happy first and always - and
you can be happy to wait
just a little longer, till
I get all there' and then
come home to stay.

Good night, Kiddie mine,
I'm sending lots of love - and
kisses and kisses - all for you -

Love you
X X X X X
X X X X X



"WITH THE COLORS"



1st Company C.A.C.
Fort Dupont
Delaware.

Dear Tom -

Suppose I ought to start this with a salute and then have to go out in back of some barn if I wanted to talk to you. I am in at last. My draft board "volunteered" me. About time I should say. Went to Wentworth Institute for a three months course - and got a lot of military drill so it has come easy to me so far - down here. Drilled eight hours for two days - and then they very kindly gave me a rifle and a razor for the end of it - and now I start regular camp duties instead of drilling all the time. Have a lot of prisoners that we will have to guard. Can you imagine me chasing a man down the street and

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having to keep my gun out of sight.

This is a Coast Artillery fort but thank God they do not use the big rifles. They fire a three inch one every day at reveille and retreat and I nearly have heart failure there.

Of course you know by this time that Mrs. Tom Walker made a short visit at our house. That was the week before I left. She ^{was} only there for two days but she left and took everybody's heart along with her. You son of a gun — sir — you have got to be the Haverhill gas man again after the war. We can have some good times with the old Franklin I think.

Say hurry up and be a Capt. or any officer that has a car and I will come over and drive for you. I'll promise to be a good private. Congratulations on the cours de guerre and for going over the top with the first bunch of Americans and the Lieut stuff but more than anything on the rest of your family. Now I know why they say "Young man, go West. See you later"

Clara L. Webster.