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Mother, Dear + Sis + Bert,

Do you know I've been
mighty careless about
writing these last two
weeks - and they must
have been mighty an-
xious ones for you too -
but along ~~the~~ with
lots of work to do, our
Battalion is a great
social outfit - and
always there are con-
certs - or discussions
or something that just
naturally steal a
fellow's time. Then too
the movie man - Capt.
Miller, and I have

been working together a great deal, because I like to chase around to the different places where he takes pictures. I'm writing a scenario for an exhibition film that's to have every thing from cows to battles in it - and, of course, I have to supervise the production. It's all in spare time but lots of fun.

you should see me scooting around on my brand new Indian Motorcycle. I scan a sidecar now, and "call my own" so to speak, and gee it's lots more fun, especially over these wonderful roads, and in this beautiful country. This war hasn't treated me shabbily at all - and really it is not hard to say that I don't wish to come home till the thing is settled. Especially so I dread the ordeal as an instructor - I'm steering away from chances

at that. Perhaps all this
sounds strange to you all -
It's not because I like the
dirty business of war - but
because I don't want anyone
to do more than I'm trying
to do - and the place to do
things is right here where
I am.

and lots has happened to
dim my enthusiasm the
last two weeks too. First our
mail has been badly delayed

throw some mixup in
sarting - and nothing
chafes so much as
irregular mail.

Then that order for
promotion got so
tangled up in red
tape that it will
take three weeks or
a month more to
see it through. and
in the states they
are punning bars out
any one.

and my Croix de
guerre went foul for
a time. The citation
was issued - when
Gen. Pershing telegraphed
asking that all Croix.

de Guerres be suspended ~~to~~
until further orders. Don't
know what for - but still
hope to get it - because it
will mean quite a lot. I
understand the citation was
a good one too.

But for all that. we're
happy - working hard - and
bitting Ditty every chance we
get.

Had a big box of chocolates
that Ruth had sent from
England yesterday - and the
day before a lot of cigarettes
that Pa Pyle had sent. I sure
like to see them come - but
really there is plenty of all
that stuff over here and it
only takes up valuable ship-
room. If you don't send any
boxes like that I shan't
feel a bit bad - only send
lots of letters giving all the
news - those are the things
that count.

I'm wondering what Bert is doing.
He certainly is in the service any

now but in what branch? I hope you
give me all the dope soon. And what
are you two kids doing. I have you
given up the idea of going to N.Y.
altogether. I have been intending
to send some money but you have
not acknowledged my offer nor said
whether it would make the trip
possible. Also some new clothes
I had to have have left me in
debt. But if it will help I want
you to count on it.

Congratulations to Sis on the raise.
Two years is enough to teach - now
we must plan so that next June
you can get out of it. Now I go - Lots of love.
Tom XXX