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Montabans.

Sunday Dec. 29 -

My Sweet wife;

went to church tonight -
and my golly I's bet it's the
first time for a great while.
There is a protestant church here,
and the Chaplain is using it
for services. Miss Francis asked
me to come along to help her
with the music - so I did -
and was glad of it till the
very last when the Chaplain
asked if I'd sing "abide with
me" as a solo. And here I was
hiding out in the choir loft.
Preachers have no sense anyhow.

The battalion has left
this town for another 6 Km.
away. I moved over too, but
the next day (yesterday) was
given a special duty organ-
izing a message center. - As soon
as it is running I'm to go
back to my history writing
and turn over to another
officer. Just between us two -
I'm rather glad at being chosen
to organize anything - and I have
been on several occasions -
'cause that's where my interest
is and there's what you and
I are going to do. Also I be-
lieve I've remarked before

that a change in direction
in the Bu has made it some-
what unpleasant, so I'm not
a bit sorry to be con spec.
Duty away from it. Five of
us out here have a hotel
to ourselves. each has an
excellent room - the proprietress
cooks for us - her dining
room is our club room
with bar attached and it
is not open to the public.
Oh we're setting high.

Your letter of Nov. 25 came
yesterday. I had received
your Thanksgiving letter be-
fore. I'm glad that you

received the cablegram and
my letter of the 11th and
that your Thanksgiving could
be a real one. Sure enough
mine was.

Yesterday Coaley received an
advertisement of the picture "Per-
shing's Crusaders" that told of
the Rainbow Division capturing
Vantigny. Lots of times we've seen
pictures of the Marines doing
the same job. Just you chuck
when they hand out that
stuff 'cause someday people
are going to understand that
the 28th Inf. of the 1st Div. pulled
that job, also they'll understand.

as you have already intimated,
that whenever and whenever
there was a tough nut to
crack the 1st Div. was given
the job - often when somewhere
Division ~~whether~~ ^{either} French or
american had already failed.
Sure enough we've been thru'
it, Kiddle, and I'm downright
proud and happy to be one
of them - and that all the
time she's been fighting.

Guess Mr. Hendricks is
right about the west for
us. Our friends are there -
the opportunity is there -

and we've been away long
enough so we're not like
home folks (Everet Cheney - Charlie
Gelling etc for instance) It's
our best bet I guess - Sincerely -
so let's figure on it - only
we'll nose around S.O.A. in
Boston a bit.

Going to bed now - to make
ready for a days work. This
holiday spirit spoils marks a
bit but we're struggling along.
Good night, Sweetheart, just
the kind of a good night that
a year has saved up in my
heart. See how I'd like to
see you tonight - + XX
+ + + + + Love Tom + + + +