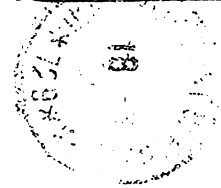


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About Gen. Pershing's
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Sunday Mar 16 -

Sneaky Mine:-

Today I received your letter of Feb. 25. and do you know that it's the first one to come since Feb. 11th what was the matter all that time? huh?

Now lookie here lady - you just quit working - all together. why if I were there right now I'd spank you so hard you'd never forget it. you have absolutely no notion of how to take care of your health - Br. r. r. r. Now you quit see - go down with Eva and spend your time cooking and baking - and sleeping and changing clothes in everything - and just forget everything but loafing, and writing nice long letters to me every day.

also got a letter from Freddie that took two weeks to come from Paris. Just like the Y.M.C.A. She said that she was going to Le Mans, and that Gladys Wood had come to Cahen. I just tried to get the Y.M.C.A. on the phone

but they were busy. I'll find out when she is and pay her a call - also find out just exactly how you are. I'll make her tell too.

On Jan 27th I sent to you by registered mail a money order for \$86 and a list of pictures to get on 42nd Street somewhere. If you haven't the money by this time please tell me about it so I can have it traced.

If you have got it please tell me how you came out with the pictures and if you can get them all right. I'm real anxious to get those pictures to keep - and only sent 'em to you so you could keep 'em for us. You should be able to get them more quickly too.

Friday General Pershing inspected the Division. We were formed on a gentle slope - some 25,000 men - three regiments of artillery - three machine gun battalions - and hundreds of supply wagons and trucks. It was truly a wonderful sight. The band was 200 pieces - some band. First Pershing and his

staff rode around the Division
on horseback, then we formed
for inspection and he ^{walked} up and
down the ranks inspecting the
men. When he'd meet a man
with a couple of wound stripes
he'd stop and talk with him.
By golly it was some job
standing there waiting for him
to come around because it took
a long long time.

We had the Signal Battalion
formed as two companies - Really
there are three but it took
so many men to man the
stations that we only had two.
I had the first company, and
had them fixed up fine - every
man spike and span, and a
beautiful line. I met him at
one end, and we walked down
the line together, and he asked
me about casualties in the
battalion - I told him all
about it, and when we got to
the end he stopped and talked
quite awhile about the 2nd I.S.B.
Said he knew all about 'em -
knew that it was an outfit that
always had communication no
matter what the danger or
the difficulties - said he

personally ^{present} of our works ~~set~~ in
Picardy - in Soissons and in
the Argonne - and so on and
so on - then he said that
the appearance of the company
demonstrated what good soldiers
they were. all this to me -
thinks of it. I was so flabber-
gasted I don't know now half
what he said. Today Mac
handed me this picture as a
surprise. I didn't know he was
taking it at all. He sneaked
it out of the pack - developed
it himself, and made two
copies before he sent it in.
I'm going to get its number as
soon as I can so we can get
some because I'm awful proud
of it. aren't you?

The fellow behind Gen.
Pershing on the right is Maj.
Gen. McLaughlin commanding
the Div. The other one is Maj.
Gen. Dickman commanding the
3rd Army. Capt. Brown - in
command of the Battalion - is behind
me - and fellow at my left is
a Lieut. Col. on Pershing's staff.
The fellow ~~on~~ just in the pic-
ture on the left is Floyd Gibbons

correspondent for the Chicago
Tribune. maybe you can have
some copies made of it - you
might even have it enlarged -
I think enough of it for that
even. But I'd like mother to
see it and would like to keep
the other copy here for awhile.
If you can't have it copied
send it on to mother to look
at - I'll save this one I have
for us. We can get more after
it goes to the laboratory.

Sending the Stars and Stripes
today. Oh and I got the Post
of Feb. 5th and a lot of Sunday
Supplements too. Thanks you much.

Now Sweetheart mine I know
you're doing your darndest to
have a lot of money for us
in the bank when I come back -
and I'm just as proud as I can
be that you are working so
hard for the wonderful home
we are going to have. I know
that I need a hard working
partner to make me do my best -
and there's no one in the world
that I'd do more for than you

Guess that's the reason
I decided to marry you long
years ago -

But: —

The best thing you can
do for our home right now is
to let the bank account stay
just where it is, and build
your own health up to where
it belongs, and also get some
practice in housekeeping. You've
been cheated out of that. You
know just how it should go and
all that but you haven't the
advantage of doing it yourself.

Therefore: —

You are to quit this job
that knows no hours nor
rest - that confines you to a
chair all day with no chance
to get air and you are to
specialize in health and
domesticity.

Q. E. D. (which means final)

and if you don't see going to
put you in a sanitarium when I
come back, and spend all the
money you've saved to make you
a husky again. P. D. Q. (which
means "Duh") So long Sweetheart -
I love you - love you - love you - too much -
Vicki
Dom xxx