

July 19th 1918.

My Dearest wife:-

Such glorious news as we have just received has not come to us very often. The German "Offensive" bids fair to result in a defeat. No doubt you have read with joy equal to mine, the news of the past day. Thousands of Germans captured and many thousands more so precariously situated that their capture is imminent and momentarily expected. It is all the more wonderful on account of the great part the American armies have played

in it. It is the greatest actual
military setback the Germans have
had in the West since the Battle
of the Marne. There is great re-
joicing here over the wonderful
news and well there may be,
for it is such things that
will shorten the war and hasten
the victory over German militar-
ism. We all were so excited
last night that we couldn't
sleep, but lay awake for
hours talking it all over.
I am on duty today until
eight o'clock tonight - an
unusually long tour of duty.

as I went on at eight this morning. It rained during the night and has cooled the air off remarkably so that now it is pleasant and not unbearable from heat. I have just had a hair cut and finished reading the papers and have just enough time to finish this before noon mess. Rosy and I have some aviators coming as guests for mess this noon. There is a squadron near here and all are mighty fine fellows. I met them at the club.

This is the first sheet of the last package of this paper that Hazel and Parke gave me and soon you will be getting letters on very common paper. I have saved all of this to write to you dear. I ran out of envelopes some time ago as you have no doubt noticed.

This is a glorious day - perfectly glorious. It is exactly like some of the days we had at Grande Pointe - so cool and such wonderful fresh air.

But - give me old Grande
Pointe. Haven't we had some
wonderful times there dear?
Even after the place has
gone we never will forget
it will we dear? It will
seem hard to part with it
but it is surely the best and
wisest thing to do. Sometime
we will have a summer house
nearer to Grande Rapids.

Last night a Y. M. C. A. man
whose name I don't recollect, was
here to see Rosy. He is from
Rochester N. Y. where he heard
that I was from Grande Rapids

He asked me if I knew Don
Cawthra who is his cousin.
When you see Don or Mrs.
Cawthra tell them about it.
Has Jimmy Brotherhood left
home yet? I hope if he
comes over here he will be
assigned either to a region near
Jack or me. It would be fine
wouldn't it Darling?

Has Tud made any more
plans about entering the
service or is she still un-
decided? Tell her to write to
me again and tell me all

about it dear.

Well my Darling I must close.
It is one minute to twelve and
I always like to get to mess on
time for the cooks have a faculty
of letting the food get cold. So
I will close this now and write
again tomorrow. Give my dear
Piddies and Ted my dear love and
a lot of kisses and tell them not a
minute of my life passes with-
out thoughts of them and longing

for them. And for you, my
darling. Oh! how I love you dear
brave girl, and long to be with
you. God bless you and give us
both the strength we need to keep
this up. I love you so much my
darling.

Baddy.

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