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My darling husband,

Hello, dearest. How are you? I hope just fine as we (the baby and I) are fine as can be expected. I was sorry to hear the kids made you ill and I do hope that you're recovered completely from them now. Will you have to take any more of them? I hope not, although I do realize they're for your own good.

Honey, the way things are happening I will say I am getting somewhat optimistic about the war and I'll add that I will

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hope and pray that the war will end in October or even sooner. Now, don't think I'm doubting you any, but I just don't want to set any hopes on any definite time and then be disappointed. You know, I once used to think that you wouldn't ever have to go in the army, but you know the results.

Everyone is really talking about peace and armistice though. In Detroit it's already been announced to the police force to be prepared and they are also forming a law that when armistice is signed, the bars & nightclubs have to close for 24 hours.

Yes, honey, I believe you're
right about banking the checks
at the Commonwealth and
that's what I had in
mind when I wrote you,
too. You probably were
confused 'cause I mentioned
the fact that I want to
buy \$500 at the Commonwealth
and we have \$450. at the
Barbours (that's taking out
the \$50^{note} sent me when I
went to C. L. Pass). I intend
to send next month's
allotment check to the
Barbours and that way
we'll have \$500 there, too.
I haven't had much time.

apt, but as soon as I get
the time (probably after I
quit working) I'm going
downtown to cash my
bonds, too, & bank that.
I think that's the best idea
don't you?

Please, honey, don't feel
funny that I'm wishing to
pay a debt. In the first
place, most of it is mine
and I'm glad that I was
able to straighten it up; the
second place by working
I've had something to do
& kept my mind
occupied rather than have
been idle all this time;
and in the third place,
honey, don't think I'm
so ignorant that I don't
realize it's ^{not} your fault

that you can't be ^{working} working
like smart fellows. You
and the rest of the army are
doing a much greater job
and getting paid less and
perhaps ^{even} less credit for it,
too. But not from
everyone, though, just
the ignorant and selfish
don't realize what a great
sacrifice you are all making.
So please say that you
don't feel bad about my
working 'cause you shouldn't

I was talking to your
mother on the phone yesterday
I told her you had just written
and that you were doing fine

I hope you're writing to your family at least once a week, honey, and if you're not, you'd better get on the beam.

Yesterday I awoke and saw your letter. I thought it had in the bedroom and laid it on the chair 'cause I knew if I read it, I'd never get back to sleep, but I held out for two minutes and finally had to read it or for sure I'd never have fallen back to sleep, if I hadn't.

Talking about sleep, I'd better hustle up and get to bed.

Love with you were there so I could cuddle up close to you. I love saying I love you dearly. God Bless You.

Your loving wife
Gloria X X X X