

God to with
you - all
the family
and their
love & so
do I -
affectionately
Ely - J. Bell

Sunday -
July 7 1918 -

My dear Richard,

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your post. It is dear of you to even think of me when your time is so much taken up. How I wish I was a man and could be over there to - However I am trying to do my part in a small way -

When I wrote you at Christmas I asked for the number of the size sock you wore as I did not want to make them too large or small - However I am giving the chance it and if the ones I send are not right - you must let me know

Tennis and I read it every night - before
I go to bed - I think it is perfectly un-
derful what America has done since we
came into the fray - And as for Infilth -
well our population has doubled in the
last six months - You would not know
the boulevard - from Danvers Station on
an modern buildings of all sorts - and
bricks - The Army here and of course you
know the site of the Naval Base -
Airlanes fly over the city any time -
Every other man you see is dressed in
O. D. or so that someone is here in
white - so you see we have these bands

People on this side are not al-
lowed to send parcels etc over to
you on account of the tre-
mendous space the mail takes
but if any man on your side
makes a requisition to his comman-
ding officer I believe it is pos-
sible to get them that way -
I am going to chance my
first pair to some one going over
so if you get them mailed
from the other side you will
know -

What experiences you must be hav-
ing - who would have thought
four years ago that the whole
world would be so upside
down - We take the New York

of the service - All of this influx in the
city has made a great change in our
ways - The negro men are getting such fabu-
lous wages at the iron works that the women
do not have to work - They go all over town
dressed as well as the white people and
what is more do their shopping in the
best stores on ~~Barby~~ Broad - I have no
work and am afraid my chances for getting
one rather slim - Among the cabin boys
not many one it is the confinement with
Aunt Mamma that is scary - She has
failed a great deal mentally this
past year, and is a very pathetic figure.

It was just about this time
two years ago that Miss Lucy
passed away - I know you will
be sorry to hear that two of
her dear friends have died re-
cently - Mrs. Ingham died
about a month ago after an
illness of several months and
dear old Dr. Schwarghoff lost
subs. The old lady fell off
the stairs and broke her
hip - I suppose the shock
was too severe for she died a
week later - very peacefully..
I had a nice letter from Mary
Dillard the day before your
card came - she seems very

course in surgical dressings which
was taught by Red Cross instructors sent
down from Washington and we have been doing
a tremendous amount of work ever since.
Our chapter is one of the best chapters
in the Potomac Division and we are very
proud of the fact. Smith & Bellin have
the big building that Willis, Smith &
Crall had on the corner of Maryland &
Washington streets and the fire relief association
usually gave us the use of their fifth
floor. We have all the conveniences for
our work and a splendid band of

happy - she asked if I knew
where you were and how you
were - Did she meet the man
she married or her last visit
to New Orleans or was he of
any standing? I know she
started her course at the Johns
Hopkins to forget a love af-
fair in the strenuous course -
she is a most successful girl
and I think her husband
has drawn a prize -

I suppose you know Helen Baker
and Matt Walker were married
He was on the Texas the last
time I heard anything of him -
I am very much interested in
Red Cross work - ^{last summer} I took the

women - Our standard is considered so fair that
our work does not have to be re-inspected
I don't burn a bit of gossip to tell you.
Amen Women is still Amen Women - People
who go away in the summer are making
plans to do so this year - So many of
the army & navy people are glad to rent
the furnished houses and apartments for the
summer months, but there will not be
enough places for people left fall. We
expect to stay here at 409 Olney and if
I can rent your old room will do so - Will
you see us it this winter
Write on a line when you can and in
the mean time take care of yourself and my



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