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my dear Papa-

The Y.M.C.A. paper I am writing you on today was brought out to the battery in a different way than we have received any yet. A lady drove up yesterday in a Ford car and gave us all both a good supply of Stationery and late newspapers. Of course we were delighted to get them and it was quite a diversion to have a lady right up at the front with the shells from the Germans bursting not so very far away. She was a Scot and is now working with the

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American Y.W.C.A. We prevailed upon her to have dinner with us and she seemed to enjoy the hot-cakes and Syrup which, fortunately, we had for that meal. I have seen many young ladies up near the front doing Red Cross and Y.W.C.A. work but this was our first visit from one.

These organizations have done a great deal of good in providing little necessities of this kind when we are too far advanced to find any sales-toms and we shall always hold them in very dear remembrance. The Salvation Army, also, is very helpful tho smaller than the other two and

we have not been in
 the sectors where it
 operates. They follow
 the troops in all advances
 and provide the men
 with things, especially
 cigarettes. than otherwise
 they would be probably a
 week or more in getting.
 I remember in our last
 offensive that the word
 came down that the
 Ymca has put up
 a depot in a ruined
 town near our battery.
 We had advanced 5
 or 6 miles but they had
 followed us with their
 supplies. We lost no
 time in sending down
 for some Candy and
 cigarettes. for we had
 gotten tired of making
 our own smokes from

the "Bull Durham" tobacco
 that the Government
 issues and wanted
 some "ready-made" ones,
 and we were simply
 starving for something
 sweet. The man
 went to the town and
 returned with the
 information that while
 he was there waiting
 his turn to be served
 the Germans began shelling
 and had demolished
 things so farly that
 they had to close up
 shop.

I am sending you
 a leaflet dropped near
 our battery yesterday by
 a German airplane. You
 can see that they are
 very anxious for peace,
 but Germany will have

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to concede much more than she has so far indicated. Before the allies will allow her to escape the punishment she deserves but is trying to avoid, namely ignominious defeat. I am privately of the opinion, however, that the Kaiser will concede everything rather than have his country overrun. We have been living quite comfortably for the past 3 weeks as we have not travelled very much and rations are more plentiful. It has rained almost constantly

but we are under sheets
and have stores.

I have been
considerably worried
lately at not hearing
direct from you, for
it has been many
weeks since a letter
has come in your
hand. writing. I certainly
trust that not only
are you feeling as
usual but have
been benefited and
rested by your trip
to Hartford.

Please write to me
and have the others write
and send me some
clippings from the
Edith and Hartford
papers. If I remember
rightly, this fall does

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up the lease with Mr.
Swine for Wimpel
and I am hoping
that he has improved
the land as to cause
the farm to be
more valuable. I am
interested in knowing
about this and other
business matters that
interest you.

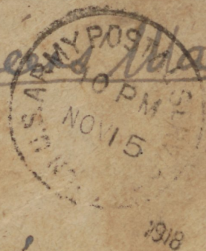
I have not
heard from Minton or
Brownie but hope they
are getting along all
right. I hope Brownie
was successful in
getting detailed to the
officers school and
will get his Commission
soon. I do not
think, however, that
he will see much
active service over here.

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I hope that the
nurse you have is
proving a great
help to you. I think
about you so often
and am looking forward
to the time when I
can be with you
again.

With devoted love
to you all at home -
Affec^t
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