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ENGLAND.

MY DARLING WIFE,

HELLO HOMEY. I AM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A FEW SPARE MINUTES DURING MY LUNCH PERIOD TO WRITE A FEW LINES ON A LETTER TO YOU. I PROBABLY WILL NOT HAVE TOO MUCH SPARE TIME TO WRITE FURTHER AS THERE IS A GI MOVIE IN CAMP, AND I MAY GO TO TOWN. IN FACT, I MAY GO TO TOWN TO A MOVIE EARLIER THAN GO TO THE ONE IN CAMP. THE MOVIE IN CAMP FOREVER DOES NOT SOUND TOO GOOD, THOUGH, AND I RATHER WANT TO GO OUT AGAIN TOMORROW. I WAS NOT ABLE TO GET ANY FISH AND CHIPS THE OTHER NIGHT WHEN I WAS IN TOWN AND I AM RATHER HUNGRY FOR SOME AGAIN. I MAY WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW AFTERNOON TO GO INTO TOWN AFTER ALL IF I DO NOT FIND SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO GO TONIGHT. I NEVER KNOW WHETHER I WILL GO INTO TOWN AT NIGHT UNTIL NIGHT COMES. IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW I FEEL AND WHO IS GOING IN TO TOWN, AND WHAT IS ON AT THE SHOW.

HOW IS LAURA TODAY and HOW IS SHE COMING WITH HER SPEECHES HAS SHE LEARNED TO SAY ENGLAND ANY BETTER YET? I CERTAINLY WISH THAT I COULD SEE HER, BUT FOR THE PRESENT I MUST BE CONTENT TO READ ABOUT HER IN YOUR LETTERS. OH, AND THAT REMINDS ME, I GOT NO LETTER YESTERDAY AND SO FAR NONE TODAY. "NO LETTER TODAY", BUT THERE IS STILL AFTERNOON MAIL TO COME IN SO I STILL HAVE HOPES. OUR MAIL QUITE OFTEN MISSES A DAY NOW AND THEN, BUT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING FAIRLY GOOD SERVICE ON THE MAIL HERE AND HAVE BEEN GETTING THE LETTERS INDIVIDUALLY INSTEAD OF IN BUNDLES, SO KEEP WRITING REGULARLY.

THINGS HERE ARE GOING ALONG ABOUT THE SAME AS THEY HAVE BEEN. THERE IS NOTHING EXCITING OR UNUSUAL TO TELL ABOUT. WE STILL ARE GETTING GOOD FOOD AT THE CAMP WHERE WE WORK, AND EXCELLENT FOOD WHERE WE LIVE. MOST OF US ARE MUCH HAPPIER JUST BECAUSE OF THE GOOD CHOW WE ARE GETTING. OUR LIVING CONDITIONS ARE NOT SO BAD, EITHER. WE DO HAVE TO GO A SHORT DISTANCE TO THE WASHROOM, LATRINE, ETC. AND WE HAVE QUITE A DISTANCE TO GO TO THE MESS HALL. OUR COAL FIRE IS QUITE SOME DISTANCE FROM OUR QUARTERS AND WE HAVE TO CARRY THE COAL IN BY USE OF A WHEELBARROW. THINGS ARE NOT AS HARDY AS THEY WERE IN ARMY CAMPS BACK IN THE STATES, BUT NOT ONE OF US EXPECTS THINGS TO BE AS NICE OVER HERE AS THEY ARE, NOW.

THE MOST AMAZING THING ABOUT ALL THE BUILDINGS AND ALL THE PRODUCE OVER HERE THAT ARE MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS IS THAT EVEN THOUGH WE IMAGINE ENGLAND TO BE MODERN AND UP TO DATE, THE FIXTURES IN THE BUILDINGS ARE EITHER INADEQUATE OR ABOUT TEN YEARS BEHIND Ours IN APPEARANCE AND IN ACTUAL VALUE. THE WAR HAS NATURALLY CUT OUT ALL THE FANCY TRILLS AND MADE THINGS MORE PRACTICAL AND NOT SO STREAMLINED.

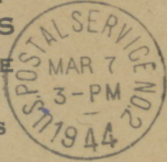
England's plumbing and plumbing fixtures are some different from ours. The drain pipe on an English wash basin drops straight down to a tile trough running along the floor of the lavatory which carries the water away to the drain. When one uses the wash basins he may find that water splashes out on his shoes from the trough at the floor. Some fun.

Heating fixtures are also different from ours in some types of buildings. Some are all right and others inadequate. So much for now, honey.

V-MAIL

Your loving husband, Clayton

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