Sept. 16, 1918.

My dear little sweetheart, I guess you are in Oklahoma now and honey gin so glad for you because I know you needed a rest and you just enjoy yourself as much as you can and then some more for me. I know you will have a good time.

I had a letter from you yesterday and got another one to-day. I sent one of yesterday and wish I could this one to-day but know that I won't be able to.

I have been acting B. C. to-day and have been getting along fine. That was the first time in my life that I had commanded 196 men, before my biggest number was 50 or 75. I just enjoyed it immensely and gave them physical exercise and that training I had at Rice is
worth vodles to me. I never felt afraid and I'm certainly not afraid to use my voice. That is one thing they grade you on a whole lot, "power of command."

I had my first experience of being on guard last Wednesday night. It was great. I was on the second relief so didn't have much challenging, you see that relief goes on at 7 P.M. at 9 P.M. again at 11 until 3 and between those last hours only do you get to do challenging. Besides the official of the day, Commander of the guard, who always come around to see that you are not asleep. I knew your orders, I only had to halt a cook who came walking in at 1:30.

Well honey I'll write some more a little later, as it is always time.
In a formation or something and just now it is about time for retreat.

It has rained practically all day today and so most of our work has been inside, except of course gun drill and we took that in a shed.

As soon as you get Gib's address wish you would let me have it please so I can write him, it sure is nice to be able to go and see him. My dearest honey just wait until we get to see each other again, I'm just going to hug you to death, (nearby) you understand what I mean don't you sweetie.

Well I had a great time at retreat you see we go out 15 min. before hand and have disciplinary exercises first, just different facings and then trying to catch them on.
different commands, believe me I sure caught them, I had lots of fun and bawled them out good and proper. It tickled one of the lieutenants, he simply couldn't help from laughing.

Well I'm sorry to say that my tour of duty is about over. It is raining again so I couldn't have any fun at the seven o'clock formation because it wasn't, but we had indoor check and as I wrote this letter several section chiefs have come up, saluted me and reported. I only hope that some day they will all have to do that. If I don't get a commission I'm going "West" not spelling 9 directions however.

There is another check at 9:15 known as bed check, and then at 10 o'clock I have to report to the O.D. then make out my report, and its
all over. Well sweetheart mine je
have to quit for tonight. I sure
hope you are having a good
time tonight and if you are
dancing, dance some for me.
Oh yes before I quit I went to
church again Sunday and as
the first time ate dinner downtown, I don't seem to be able to
rang any of these girls and I sure
try to (nit) No Honey I love you
so much to even think of such
a thing. Goodnight darling
and pleasant dreams.

Sept. 17

Well honey I only have a few
minutes and so will write what I
can. I'm sorter sore to-day because
I have to go on guard again
to-night, and I don't about to,
you miss me much and
you don't do a darn bit of
good either. I guess I'll have to put on all my clothes so I won't freeze because it sure is cold these nights. I came near freezing in one class this morning, and honey about 8 minutes before the class was over the Lieut. called me out and told me to give them exercise. I sure was glad.

Next Saturday if possible I am going to Cincinnati for a day. You know I have some old folks there and they want me to come up and give powerful curious to go. The more I see of this country now the better off I'll be because I don't guess I'll ever get another chance like it.

During gun squad drill this morning, one of the men threw his rifle out a point when
he started to dismount from the limber of the piece. It sure was a shame, because he is an awful nice man and came into thetry the same time I did, we generally run around together. I threw it back into place for him he nice hobble around now. The ground was awful wet and slippery. that is what caused it. [whistle
absolutely] Well honey as usual the army is the army. I was on guard but I'm not, they changed the whole list and now I guess I'll go on next. Friday and won't get to go to Cincinnati. Bring it anyway.
What I come in from drill today we had to go pull up some weeds around the flower beds you never can tell what is coming next.

TO THE WRITER:—SAVE BY WRITING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER
TO THE FOLKS AT HOME—SAVE FOOD, BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS
I sure am glad that I don't smoke. Some one is always getting bawled out for smoking especially between classes, when they are not supposed to smoke. You see sweetie it's got you to thank for that, didn't I tell you I couldn't get along without you.

They are putting out a school paper now called the Probable Era. I'll send you one before long.

Yes dear whenever I stop to think about the time since I saw you last it seems like months, why those few days I spent at home seemed so short, but then they were awful sweet. It doesn't seem like I have been in the army a month though and it will just about be that by the time you get this letter. See now it is past five.
minutes before retreat formation &
then comes supper and then 10'o clock
and then study until 5:30 then I
am going to mail this letter.
Whenever I get started to writing
to you I never want to stop
but the way I have to go about it
I think I must repeat everything
twice. I never read my letters
over so if you let me know
please (whistle). Retreat is over and
in a few minutes I'll have to go
to supper and I'm glad because
I'm hungry (whistle). Well now
supper is over and also mail
call and I didn't get any, so I'm
glad I wasn't looking for one.
Well honey have a good time
for me, give my regards to everyone
I know there and if course the kids.
I love you, with all my love.
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