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My own dear girl:-

If you could only see me now. It is about eight thirty. I have a board across two benches which serves as my writing table. Modern conveniences, do you say. I sh ha ~~table~~ bible. I feel just as happy. I feel like a prince to-night.

I have had a hard day ~~tonight~~ today. We drilled nearly all day. This is our last week for drill and we want to make the best of it. We had skirmish drill and charge bayonet. We have our bayonets on our guns and when the command charge is given forward at double time we go and yell as loud as we can. Can you imagine 70 men yelling on the top of their voices.

It is great stuff. Just imagine you see a German and ram him with your bayonet. Now bawl me out for using the word "ram." Like as not you will.

You can trust me to keep mum. I will forget it when I write, but I don't see why I should be a topic for conversation. Is my case as bad as all that? I was sound asleep at that time. Grace I am so tired by bed time that when once asleep I never wake until I am called at 5 in the morning. Sleeping in the open also helps to keep a fellow asleep.

A person can always bank on Austin to be there. Who are all the boys? I sent a score of a ball game the Bethany M.E. had won and when I saw the names of all the fellows who ought to enlist I thought a

lot of things. The more I think of them the less I want to hear of them.

I received your cake today. I have not tasted it yet so will wait to tell you how I like it. Please thank your mother for me and I thank you for your trouble. It sure is fine of you to think of sending it. The only good things we get come from home and friends. You have to pay a fortune for eats here and at that they are not first class.

How is the contest coming along? Are you still ahead? Don't allow the G.P.'s to beat you.

You better be careful how you use that word Grace. It may bring you into hot water. I knew I could get you so I used it. I am sure if you knew its meaning you wouldn't use

it. Not that it is a bad word.
But — you know. I will
tell you its meaning a little
later. Now be a good little girl
and wait. It is a good thing
I am so far away from you
or I might be sorry.

My camera came today
and you will receive a copy of
every picture I take. Are you
satisfied, my dear?

I will try to write every day
now as police duty is over.

To-morrow our company
goes on guard duty for 24 hours.
Every man is detailed for some
duty. Can you guess what I
got? Not guard duty. The sergeant
let me out. He gave me the best
and cleanest job of all. I am
to be the orderly for the head
dentist surgeon. They need
a good a clean looking orderly

and I being such a one I was
taken. I feel good over getting
the work. It pays to be
neat at all times. While the
other boys work 24 hours I
work from 9 Friday until 5
or so in the evening. Pretty
good don't you think?

Will close. Best regards
to your folks and my very
best love to you my Azzie.

Your true soldier boy.

Dave.