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My dear Mrs. Mailland:

A letter came yesterday from you, telling of northern Michigan blizzards, of the woes of those at home and a warning for me not to neglect my children. I do not. They are sent letters about twice a week, sometimes oftener, with little presents and odd things at various times so that they know I am still on earth. Their letters are less frequent, but are greatly appreciated by their father just the same. Berta wrote me some time ago that she was saving all my letters so

perhaps, perchance or maybe  
she will think better of me some  
time.

Our work is light - it might  
get heavy any old time and  
we do not know when or where  
we shall be transferred - and  
anyhow it makes no difference  
because in the army one does  
simply what one is told to  
do. It simplifies thinking.  
In some way I rather look  
forward to a reassignment  
coming from very remote  
powers - know nothing definite  
about it but always live in  
hopes.

Sately the days have been



unusually good - many times one can  
walk without an overcoat if one is supplied  
with a nice sweater like mine - but I usually  
stick to a coat of some kind. Two pairs of  
woollen sox came to me from Fields 2 days  
ago. There was no card in them so that I do  
not know whether they are the ones you so  
kindly sent or are some from us there. Your  
name was not anywhere on the list of addresses  
or inside. At any rate your thoughtfulness now  
leaves me well provided for the winter. I was  
rather amused at your saying that would be  
all for this year. Are we all waffling  
up to the fact that it is a long war.

Margaret Rudd is here while I am  
writing this letter. She says to give you  
her best regards and I know you are  
going to like each other. We are planning  
on getting married next month (March)  
but war is war and the uncertainties  
are enormous.

This afternoon at 4 I am going to a medical



meeting at a near by hospital  
to try to learn something about  
this war surgery. We have  
them about every two weeks  
here in the vicinity during  
the winter and it helps us  
all very much. Medical men  
seem unceasing in their  
desire to learn and to advance.

Do give my best regards &  
thanks to your son and  
daughter for their letters  
I am sending a small  
box with mine buttons to  
them. They can use



them for anything they  
wish.

about the middle of March  
we hope to go to Paris and  
then on south to Nice - but  
have only a week's leave.  
That makes much travel  
quite a strenuous effort be-  
cause we must be back on  
the dot. Fortunately I have  
to attend a medical meeting  
in Paris at that time which  
will give 2 extra days.

Our spring plowing is going  
on and I have had my  
man plant nasturtium seeds  
around my hut.

Kindest regards K. S.