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My dear Mrs Maitland:

Your most interesting letter of June 9<sup>th</sup> came while I was away on a special leave last week. Margaret has gone to England to be with my people and I got away for a few days to help her get packed and to say goodbye at Boulogne. She will stay there until this little difficulty with the boche is at an end - then we can take a vacation in England and go home. What is it, home?

The descriptions of prices & conditions around you were interesting - we like to hear first hand of those affairs and you are mighty good about it. At this season you are at Grand Island I feel sure - here it is the second season I am missing. We do look forward to seeing you some time - you will like Margaret and approve my choice, if that I am sure.

At this location we have been just behind the thick of the scrap - and it has been some little battle. The French and English both praise our boys - I have the greatest admiration in the world for them and they have delivered the goods against the boche. We enjoyed some shelling here and bombing raids & general shell

raising but it was usually all in the days work  
& we stuck by our tables & carried on - no we don't get  
medals for that, its all covered by the monthly paycheck  
but everyone behaved beautifully. If one of my team  
had displayed cold feet I would have literally knocked  
them block off.

And so it goes on - the wave is passing further  
& further north - soon we shall be up & after them -  
any personal ambitions I have left by the way side - It  
is almost funny the way one can be overlooked, one  
with training & knowledge - with fresh stuff from the  
States showed on ahead - We should worry, its all  
in the personal satisfaction. To make advances one  
much be from the atlantic sea board - Chicago?  
is unknown!

Had a letter from the Kiddies today - Bertha is  
out in Iowa - Janet in Chicago. They are well and  
quite happy - I think of them every day and have still  
the ache of wanting to hold them on my knee. The  
stress of work has been quite severe. I find I do get  
tired - never used to and after another year of this  
I think I shall have to go to an old mams home.  
Margaret is at Brighton this month and will later be  
back in London. She was finally willing to go.  
Have written Tomstone - he must be tired out. Must go to bed Sincerely Kellogg & Sped.