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My dear Mrs Matland:

A nice postal card from you came to me yesterday. My mail is hopelessly pilled up, and lost in the many forwardings. Each day brings the hope of an order starting either me alone or the whole unit off to the States. After leaving London on January the 9th it was understood that I was to go home directly from France. Here I sit doing nothing impatient at the delay because I feel that I might be of more

use at home. However everybody
must have his turn - and without
friends at coats, terms come slowly.

Last week I had a delightful
3 days & visit in Brussels.
Went both ways in a Ford -
but enjoyed it. We went up via
Boulogne, St Omer, Ypres, Menin
ghent - to B. and came back
via Tournai, Lille. St. Pol

Some trip passing clear through
the battle area twice. This week
I shall probably go to Paris for a
few days.

Margaret and our daughter
sailed from Liverpool on the 20th
"Adriatic" and they had every -

thing they could wish for, including a stateroom all to themselves. It will be a long time I fear before I know of their safe arrival.

The lease on our London flat expires the last of the month so that although I could get leave there again there is now no home to go to.

Do you feel the relief from the strain of war? Probably taxes go on just the same. After being through war you can hardly imagine the strain some of us undergo waiting to be returned to civil life - knowing that we are quite useless here.

Do come down to Chicago after I am back. Where we shall live I have no idea - but far above material things in life has come the earnest and enduring friendships of a few - the loyal Waitlands most prominently. Probably my car will be fit to run and we could take you down to the station if you stopped with the Paddocks. Have a date with Touchstone - he meets me on the dock N.Y. I am poor, broken in health - but my spirits will still be good once in the U.S.A. Kindest regards, Kellogg & Reed