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Dorothy Hornberger First World War Correspondence #04

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Dear Mary,

First, I must thank you very, very kindly for the delicious candies. Say price that sure was appreciated and I want to say that I still can't pay it. You know I think it's times sometimes up here, especially times I receive your letters and candy, and things to eat from home. We will for us that we are enjoying our time now because I think we will never spend Dec. 25 mphere.

I received your last letter Sunday and also received Amanda's card Saturday. Say Mary, Amanda stated that she was sending a package to me. So far it has not arrived. Was it the candy...
that she meant, or was it another package? The reason I ask is because so many packages go astray.

They are you all at Savannah. I had the best news of Saturday afternoon. I received the vaccination and shot in the arm or inoculation as never before. The first time we company was inoculated the boys dropped like leaves, fainting dead away, and then after that the nurse was a sick woman. I did not receive my shot when they did, some time Saturday. As soon as I received the shot, I expressed and took the Oliver U.S. flat to Des Moines, and forgot that I had received it. I explain about these stamps until I received them.
I had no place to put them, so in my haste I put them in an envelope for safekeeping, and when I wrote to you that night I put her letter in my stamps envelope, and when I came to stamp her letter I could not make out what became of my stamps. I was at night when I wrote you and that's how I did not notice the stamps on the envelope. Tell her I'll be more careful with my stamps next time. Ha, Ha. You please tell her it was all a mistake and that I am very sorry that I had done it. Because it really looks like I meant something by it. But don't forget
that I love my nieces so well of that I dream of being honest. Ask me to forgive me and you.
We have a non-commissioned officer's school every night from 7 to 8, and between time we study. I expect to be promoted to company's mechanic and sergeant in the December future. Jessie is still at home, but I think she will be up here about the last of the month.

The weather has been ideal here and the beautiful moonlight nights press that regally atmospheric which brings back to me memories of the long ago. As I sit by the window on my bed and gaze into space, I stand here to say that one man travels all over the world.
"Clean speech and clean conduct are marks of Genuine Patriotism at all times and in all places."

We do not know as we sit gazing what the morrow might bring, but still and always we must remember that the moments are those that bring action, and above all else the desire to be ever united once more. I received a letter from Jake Sunday, and he says he is getting along fine. Am going to answer his letter tonight. We have been issued almost all of our clothing comprising one skeleton suit. After which we will get 2 of each thing, such as shirts, shoes, hats, etc. We received pants today, and by that I hope we will leave here very shortly.
I will let you know when I can come to Sa.

So now I must close this letter. You might go out, but I must thank you all again. for the fine candy, and now please all of you will come when ever possible, and I shall strive to answer many. So I will wish you all the best of luck of health, with my best regards to all.

Your Soldier Uncle

Clarence

Tell Dorothy not to get mad at her old uncle. Na Na.

Goodnight girls. Don't study too hard.
Dear Margi,

First, I must thank you very, very kindly for the delicious candy. Say niece, that sure was appreciated, and I want to say that I still can taste it.

You know I think its Xmas sometimes up here, when sometimes, I receive your letters, and candy, and things to eat, from home. It’s well for us that we are enjoying Xmas now because I think we will never spend Dec. 25 up here.

I received your last letter Sunday, and I also received Amanda’s card. Saturday. Say Marg, Amanda stated that she was sending a pack — age to me? So far it has not arrived. Was it the candy
that she meant, or was it another package? The reason I ask is because so many packages go astray.

How are you all at Dav.

To be honest, I’m feeling great just now. Saturday afternoon I received my vaccination and “shot in the arm” or inoculation. It never phazed me. The first time our company was inoculated the boys dropped like leaves, fainting dead away, and then after that they sure was a sick bunch. I did not receive my shot when they did, so mine came Saturday. As soon as I received the shot, I dressed and took the Inter-Urban to Des Moines, and I forgot that I ever received it.

Say Marg. Ill explain about those stamps Dorothy received. When I bought stamps here,
I had no place to put them,
so in my haste I put them
in an envelope for safe keeping
and when I wrote to Dot. that
night I put her letter in my
stamp envelope, and when I
came to stamp her letter, I
could not make out what
come of my stamps, It was
at night when I wrote her
and that’s how I did not
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envelope. Tell her I’ll be more
careful with my stamps next
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tell her it was all a mistake
and that I am very very sorry
that I had done it. Because it
realy [sic] looks like I meant some
thing by it. But don’t forget
that I love my nieces to [sic] well for that. I mean it Marg. honest. Ask Dot to forgive me will you.

We have a non-commi[s]ioned officers school every night from 4 to eight, and between time we study. I expect to be promoted to company mechanic and sergent [sic] in the very near future. Vamie is still at home, but I think he will be up here about the last of the month.

The weather has been ideal here and the beautiful moon – light nights, possess that romantic atmosphere which brings back to me memories of the long ago. As I sit by the window, on my bed I gaze into space, and I’m here to say, that one’s mi[nd] travels all over. the world.
We do not know, as we sit gazing, what the morrow might bring. But still a soldier is never still, his anxious, and I might add, his happiest moments are those that bring action; and above all else, the desire to be everywhere at once.

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We have been issued almost all of our clothing, comprizing [sic] me whole suit. After awhile we will get 2 of each things, such as shirts, shoes, hats ect. [sic]

We received tents today, and
by that I have an idea we will leave here very shortly.
I will let you know when I can come to Dav.

so now I must close this letter, before lights go out. but I must thank you all again, for the fine candy, and now please all of you write to me when ever possible and I shall strive to answer promptly so I will wish you all the best of health, with my best regards to all.

Your
Soldier Uncle
Clarence.

Tell Dorthy [sic] not to get mad at her old uncle. Ha Ha.

Good night girls. Don't study to [sic] hard.