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Dear Bess:-

I had two letters from you today one of which acknowledges my Angers letters. They were certainly a long time getting by. I hope you will receive the fines from my last training camp more promptly. I no longer need any training camp.

I wrote you from a rest billet and told you one of my wonderful experiences. It was one, the first real one in fact and made quite an impression. I expect many many more in the next month or so and hope to be present at some real

history making.

I don't believe you'd have me  
back in the I.O.P. when you  
know that real things are happen-  
ing up here. I think I am the luck-  
iest person in the world to be here  
and if I can deliver the goods  
and come out all right it will  
be the greatest honor a man  
can have. If I don't deliver I'll  
have failed trying my level best  
and that's all any man can do.

As I told you before there isn't  
a German shell made for me  
I think that my battery and myself  
will come through all safe and  
sound. We have had one burst  
as I told you and came out  
very very lucky. If I get sent

home now they can't take away the satisfaction  
that I unloaded some very effective ammunition  
at the Boches and from what I can gather  
I must have hit the target. They almost made  
a target of me but almost isn't quite. When a  
High Explosive shell bursts in fifteen feet and  
does you no damage you can bet your sweet  
life you hear a charmed life and no mis-  
take. I didn't have sense enough to know  
what was going on until the next day and  
then I was pretty scared. The men think I am  
not much afraid of shells but they don't know. I  
was so scared of men and that is pretty scared.

I am working night and day mostly night and  
shall continue to work that way I guess until  
the war is over. I hope you and Mary had a  
pleasant visit with Agnes I also hope it is not  
so hot there now. Be sure and keep on writing  
for I sure enjoy your letters and make the  
work less burdensome. I shall certainly try to  
get some pictures when I get to Munich for  
that country house of ours. Yours always  
Harry

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