

Harry S. Truman
Independence, Mo.

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My Dear Sweethearts:
Bess & Margie

The first half day has gone by with only one casualty. One of the Lts stuck his thumb finger into the bench mechanism of a 155 Howitzer and a piece of it was amputated. Someone looked at the gun trail and noticed the piece of finger by-ing there and asked who had lost it. Everyone looked to see if he was the guilty party; in the meantime the man to whom it belonged was hot footing

if across the field toward the hospital. One of the boys picked up the piece and started after him, but in the excitement he lost it, and the surgeon saw at the hospital ~~was~~ found it necessary to graft on a piece of skin, so the invalid must be permanently injured. He was back on the job in an hour.

We are going out to fire on Friday morning. That is the only part of the performance I care much for. I am feeling fine and I hope you both are. Does your kiss the lady and tell her to kiss you for me. Always your Harry.