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Dear Friends,

I was extremely pleased to hear from you. And I thank you for your interest in the welfare of this part of Uncle Sam's Army. Indeed, your letter was like a long, cool breeze in the middle of a very hot day, but why dwell on the weather which is a very unpleasant topic here.

The hospital was a very restful place in which I became very restless. Can you imagine my being a patient for a month.

Jack I am almost inclined to believe that foreign missions should be closed until our army (the Countess

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representative) is cleaned up. We all know the story about how tough Mr. Sergeant can be. It is all too true here that the filth from his lips are quite catching among the ordinary run of soldiers. But perhaps I'm not yet fully imbued with army spirit, and I sometimes wonder if I ever will be.

This week the 880th Bn was on the rifle range. We fired 30 cal. Carbiners. I made 145 out of a ^{possible} score of 200. Since I never have used guns, I think that ought to be pretty good. Anyway I'm a justified marksman now.

Yes, Merle is coming to Shelby. I hate for him to leave to Tallahassee in many ways. War bring many problems, and living in two or three places all at the same time is

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one of those problems. But it surely will
be nice to have her here. One needs
some distraction.

The 69th Division is now a part of
the 2nd Army. As you remember the 2nd
Army fought in Africa. We were recently
transferred from the 3rd Army. So we now
feel we are much closer to the real thing.

I broke my glasses this morning,
and I am wondering if my writing will
be legible for you.

Accept my wishes for all of you. I often
think of the pleasant association I enjoyed in
Jallahara. Someday may they be renewed. In
the meantime, carry on with your good work.

Most sincerely,

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