

Willow Springs, Mo.

March 12th, 1916.

My dear old Sister,

Your birthday will be close at hand by the time this reaches you and I hope you will still have many Happy returns of the day. The war must end some day and Peace again overshadow your beautiful land. If the Allies could only give the enemy a signal defeat at Verdun I believe it would be the beginning of the end. but from the accounts we get the Germans are daily gaining a little. I sincerely trust you will be able to celebrate a victory before your birthday. I anxiously await the newspaper every morning.

I hope you have a note on

The way to tell me Hubert is going to remain with you.

Spring is opening nicely here we are busy, making long days plowing & sowing. vegetation has not started much. for tho' the days are warm the nights are frosty, after zero weather the ground is slow warming up. but very soon now the peaches & plums will be one mass of bloom and the hot weather will be here. - well! we have enjoyed the winter didn't do much of anything except feed the stock so had time to go to school and learn something. we have all been reading & studying in our leisure hours. and now I tell the boys the time has arrived to put into practice what we have learned.

We are all well on the circuit

here. good accounts are rec'd  
of the last new baby, growing  
& no trouble. He is coming to  
the Ozarks when the hot weather  
comes.

Well! The boys have just come  
in & say there is a forest fire  
coming in on us so we must  
go & fight it, perhaps all night  
anyhow will be too tired to  
resume when I return, if before  
morning. So I will say Good  
Bye dear and I send you fond  
love for your birthday and  
every other day as it comes.  
I was looking at your picture  
today and wondering if you &  
Hubert were together as you were  
then. again "Many Happy Returns"  
in which Mauea joins.

Loavingly

Bro Dave.

Is anything wrong with A.C.?