Red Letter day. Nov. 28, '17

Mother precious,

This afternoon I received your letter written Oct. 11. Before reading it I braved the Camp barber - got a shave and a hair cut, took a shower, dressed up in my best uniform, shined my shoes, and put talcum powder on my face - Then sitting down all by myself and lighting my pipe I proceeded to enjoy the ceremony - Oh! it was fine and I reread it and have almost memorized it.

My congrats to Margaret and Dr. Smith - Tell her that I wish her all the happiness in the world.