

be the wounded and dead from disease.

A Washington article asserted that when the War Dept put the sum of losses at 100,000 ^{under order from Washington} he had refused transmission his cablegram that declared the losses exceeded 200,000. He claims to have official papers covering refusal, etc.

You can return the clipping at your convenience. I hope to get you the Cantigny article.

Tell Mrs Baird I have her cheerful letter, but the book has not yet come to hand. I expect to come over to you, if still convenient to you, on Friday of next week. My last word from John was dated Jan 3d. He said that he had word

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Washington
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My dear Mr Baird:

I enclose a clipping from the Stars & Stripes received this a.m. It contains an account of the Soissons advance, which initiated the German defeat. I note that the casualties were 7,000 of whom there was no prisoners. I infer that the First Division lost during the war some 17,000 to 20,000, counting the loss from disease. I assume that the total casualties will approximate about 280,000. Those yet to come will

that A W Jr was in Germany with the 3^d Army. He
is tantalising that he gives no details and mentions
no one in his letters. Being Chief of Staff teaches
a man to keep his mouth shut. He is now on duty at
Pershing's Hd qrs doing staff duty along the same lines
A general just back tells me that John is a "peach" at
the business of moving troops. Commend me to the fam
ily.

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