



NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL
ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS



"WITH THE COLORS"

Jan. 10, 1918.

~~1917~~

Dear Folks:

Received letters from Et and May. Et's contained stamps, May's a picture of I'm. Officer??. How do you get that way? Now for some Info. Yours truly is clerk of the school of instruction, which is in it's infancy. May get something out of it later on. Our system, which has been running smoothly for 3 weeks, is to be changed. Some body got a new idea, and they're going to try it out. Can't tell just what is going to happen. Mc Gowan is the time keeper, + I am clerk. Between us we run the school. Look over the men, pick out the good ones, and change the classes every three days. It keeps us on the jump, taking care the men who are out, some sick, some on guard. Any one who appears to be in wrong I have to take his case up with the Adjutant General, and see that he is properly located.

Make out reports, tabulated forms, on the typewriter. Maybe some day I'll get a whack at a drawing board and T-square, again. We have them in the office. If I don't like this work, I think I can fix it so I can get an instructor's rating. MacDaniel is a pretty good scout, and we seem to get along.

I'll stay on the ground. Don't think they will do any flying here before late in spring. The 153rd leaves for Holoken, either tomorrow or Monday. I can't say just when the 152nd will move, but will give you plenty of warning.

Wasn't it too bad about Walter Shea? I knew him well, and he was a good scout. Don't you think it was grand though, to think that it happened while he was in "service"? It wasn't the Army life that was too much for him. Of course the excitement may have had something to do with it, but I think that in his case, he would have "gone" anyway.

"It is appointed once for every man to die"



NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL
ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS



"WITH THE COLORS"

1917

Of course it's hard on his folks, but he was a soldier, and died in service. What could be better. He gets as much credit as the fellow who spent months in the trenches.

It's getting late now. I should have started sooner, but,

I must write to M. Lead, tomorrow night. so don't expect another letter for a couple of day.

Hoping all are well, I remain,
Sincerely
Bill.

Everything is fine here, weather, health, food and everything. Keep up your courage, I'll be home soon, either on pass or for good. Good night.



18
11 AM
ILL.

Mrs John C Mc Cligatt
9 Fenwood Road,
Boston,
Massachusetts.

From

E. R. McELLIGOTT

152nd Aero Sqdn.

Chanute Field

Rantoul Ill.

NATIONAL
WAR WORK COUNCIL
ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"