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152nd Aero Sqd in.

Maneola, L. I.

Feb. 24, 1918.

Dear May:

Still here, but waiting. Everything is packed and all we need is the command. I had ~~now~~ no trouble packing up, as each squad was given a surplus bag. That is, a good sized canvas bag, in which soap, tobacco, and other small articles may be carried. I put some of my knitted goods into it, also some ~~soap~~ soap and toilet articles uncle Ed gave me, and for which I want you to thank him very much, as I hardly think I shall get a chance to write today. We were very busy this morning, packing up, and getting ready for inspection. Now chow is over, and all we have to do is wait.

Now for some secret info. Somebody, I think it must have been Emily K., passed a little package to me just as I was getting into the

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train, lost Tuesday evening and when I opened it, found an air pillow. What do you know about that. It came in very handy on the train, and noose, in the barracks. It was a curiosity, here at camp. Find out who gave it to me, but don't let the Nungles know about it as Puth sent me one, and I wrote to her, thanking her as if I had not received the first one. Also, if Emmy sent, or gave me the first one, keep the second one dark. Let me?

I got up to see the Flynns, Friday eve. Things are not running very smoothly there, either. Mr. Flynn is sick in the hospital, and Mrs. Flynn does not look very well. Peggy has been very sick, but is all better now. They seemed ^{to} think that they were having all the trouble to themselves, so without complaining, or boasting, I let them understand that you people at 91, were getting your share all right. They don't think they will go to W.T. this summer. Say the old war is going raise the deuce

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with about everything. I guess.

I am O.N. in that Pass matter, and the fellows with me, only got a little barracks duty, which they might have got anyway. I got nothing. So you see, even if I hadn't wired, it would not have been considered a serious offence. Our Lieut. is pretty considerate, I'll say. He was in the ranks himself, about six months ago, at Jelly Field.

How did those snapshots come out? Wish you would send me a set. We we are almost certain to pull out of here tonight or early in the morning, we may be here, for a couple of days. So rush them along, to the same old address, (above) if we're gone, they will follow on the next boat, so you see it will save time, by sending them now.

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If we leave tonight, we go on the former
Kaiser Wilhelm II. I darn big boat, next to
the Fatherland, I guess. The latter does not leave
for a week or so yet, but I don't guess we'll wait
for it. Hope not, anyway, as it is too much bother
packing up etc.

May I think I'll quit now, as there is
one more short note I'd like to get out. Trusting
that you will remember me very kindly to
Aunt Emily & Uncle Ed, all the Fenneys and the
Nangles, and other people who might care to
know. With lots of love to Mother, dad, Ed,
and yourself, I remain,

Very sincerely,

Your own little brother
Richard.

Of course, when once we get on board, there
will be no chance to write, I mean mail letters
till we get over.

For a while, good bye, and
best wishes, and blessings be with you all.

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