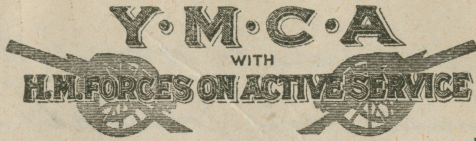


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Reply to Company Bat Reg:

Stationed at: England April 18 1915

My dear Essie:

This morning, I received three letters, two from you and one from Gerry Cleary. You state, in your letters, (of the 20th and 28th of March) that as yet you have received no word from me. Well kiddo, that is tough. You may be discouraged and all that, but believe me, I am sick and tired of the whole shooting match, in other words, I'm disgusted. Here I've been writing and writing, every spare moment I got, I sent a line to someone, and this is what I get for an answer. By this time, you must have received some

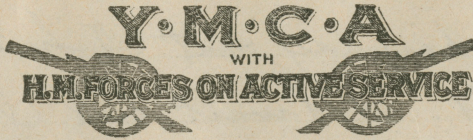
word, for surely one letter at least must have found its way over. Several, I'll admit, must be held by the censor, but a chap from N.Y. received an answer to a letter he sent on March 8th from England to U.S. March 25th was the day on which his folk received it. That being the case, I figure that you must have received something, by this time. I was slow to write, at first, for the restrictions were great, and then, I thought that if I did write, the letter would never leave England.

Now about that money question. Before leaving the States, I had one half of my salary turned over to mother. That will leave me slightly over fifteen dollars,

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~~my~~ out of which I will have to pay \$6.40 for insurance, and my laundry will be about one dollar a month. The rest, well, that goes for eats, Not ice cream, cake, pie, candy or anything like that. Just plain bread, biscuits, and cocoa.

It was our February pay, which we received over here, and we got that in full, because, it was the latter part of that month I made the allotment. Now, after we draw March's pay, you will receive that \$5. If I dared to I'd send over, what I have saved

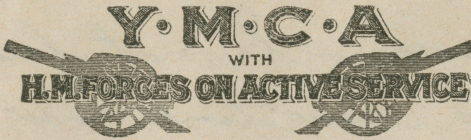
since pay day, but I hate to risk it. I'll wait till I get a bunch, then cable it. At this present moment, I am having an argument as to whether I should send you a cable gram or not. I'll look it up, the next time I go to town.

Essie girl; we surely would like to give you a race, with those socks, but I'm afraid that you shall have several pair done, before we get back.

Better start getting my winter outfit ready. I think we shall need a lot.

Now in your letter of the 20th. of March, I have to start all over again. "We have not received the expected letter." Oh! darn it! Essie, it makes me mad. This morning,

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when I woke up, and heard them talking about mail in the next tent, I could not wait, till mine was brought to me. I was just trying to picture in my mind what you would have to say, and was very happy. I was composing an answer. Much different from this, I am mad now, and cold, that is why some of these ~~words~~ sentences will be so hard to read. My fingers are getting stiff.

Now I hope this news, of how I feel, will not make you folks feel badly, for this spell of

sullenness will not last long,
as it is chow time now, and
after I get a bite to eat, I'll
feel better.

Hoping that you all are
well, and receiving lots of
mail, I remain,

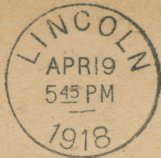
Your loving brother
Richard

P.S. I understand from current
rumors, that Neil's regim't is
over here, somewhere.

P.S. After chow, and we had a
great feed today. Steewed beef, mashed
potatoes, parsnips, bread & butter, & pudding
Just received a "Blighty Bundle" from
Mrs Nangle & Ruth. It was great.
Candy, cocoa, fruit, candles, cookies, and
everything. I feel about 400% better
this afternoon. Don't mind anything I said.
D. W. Ellouiser



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