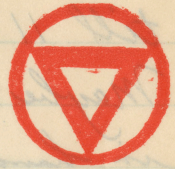


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"WITH THE COLORS"

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Dear May:

Received the Boston Sunday Herald this afternoon. Found it on my bed when I came off duty. You see they had me on guard, again. They seem to think I like the job. But on the level, I'd rather do guard than W.P. Then you ought see what happened to the rest of the bunch. They got put on the coal cars. You see there are not enough prisoners in camp to do the dirty work, so they use the next best thing. I had it soft though. Had Post number 9 again. That is the Officers quarters, and the Hospital. Now there are two prisoners in the hospital, and the guard is supposed drop in occasionally to see that everything is O.K. Now maybe I didn't do some dropping. It was not so very cold, but damn it, it was windy. Nearly blew the gun off my shoulder several times. I was on the second relief this time, went on duty at 1, off at 3, on at 7, off at 9, on at 1, off at 3, on at 7 and then off at 9. Then we had to stay in the guard house

till 11 o'clock, after that, we were dismissed. Maybe those socks of Mary C's didn't come in handy. Got the others wet and had to change them or take a chance of freezing up. The Red Cross sent us helmets and wristlets, so now we are fairly well supplied. All I lack is a scarf. I shall probably be posted for guard again tomorrow, so am going to be brief. You're elected again to thank Aunt Em. and Mary C., for me, as we are all in a heap here. The chocolates, cake and cigars were great. That was a nice item in the Trocien was n't it.

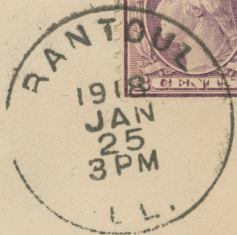
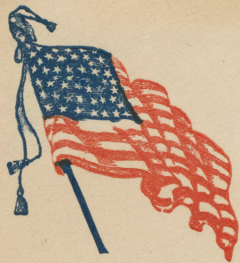
We were scheduled to leave here today at 3:20, but we didn't. Now it might be ten days or two weeks before we pulled out. Never can tell.

Remember me to the people who are interested, and state how we stand.

Hoping all are well and happy, and that I can get my furlough, when we move I remain,

Affectionately  
Rich.

Am enclosing all I can possibly spare.



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