



England.
May, 23, 1918.

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so far. I don't know as I envy those chaps who are still in Texas. We are having a much better time over here. The weather, too, is all that could be desired (of England). Today, we have had several showers, and as our tent was so arranged, as to let in all the sunshine, which was expected, you can imagine the condition of our equipment. For it certainly did come down in bunches. (The rain, I mean) But never mind, our things will get a chance to dry out, some time.

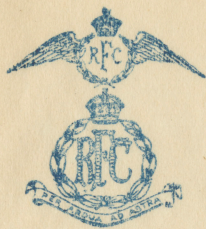
Did I tell you that I had a very nice letter from Sr. Luxentia? As yet, I have not had time to answer it, but mean to, very soon.

Tennis? Let's see, where did I hear that word before? Oh! yes. There is a court, over here, for Officers only. How I would like to get a grip on a racquet, once more. Tell John, that I don't remember of seeing his "bat" around our house. I know that I left mine over to his house, at the close of the season, last fall. What does he want? Storage rates?

Baseball in Boston. On Sunday, too. My! what is going to happen to that town, anyway? Wish I could have seen that Army, Navy game. But the



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You had better not start on that Fourth of July dinner. Just postpone it for a year, and I'll try and get a furlough. What is Dad doing, now?

Thank the many friends and relatives, for their kindness. I'll not mention any names, but include all, in my thoughts.

Hoping that you are well, mother dear, and that you have, by this time forgotten how to worry. I remain, with love and kisses for all,

Your affectionate son,
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P.S. A letter for Eric soon.



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Yours affectionately,
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