

Dear Essie: We landed here
at 8³⁰ this morning, and
everything is great. Pulled
into Rantoul, at 8 o'clock, and walked from the
station up to the field. The walk took
us through a very nice section of a
nice little town. Population, they say
is about 1800. We are at a new field
and stationed in barracks similar to
those occupied by the officers at
Kelly Field. No more tents! Oh joy.

Chanute Field
Rantoul Ill.

Dec. 18, 1917

We have real beds, wooden floors, wash-
ing facilities, showers, electric lights.
Oh what a difference. There are only
three squadrons here, including ours.
Our work will be mostly guard duty for
a while. Everybody here is happy. The
townsfolk were tickled to death to see
us and we ought to have a good time
here. It's so different. Better than Slocum
Snow on the ground but it's not cold. Write Rich

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Don't think I can get home Christmas, but would be glad to get some "war cake." I'm flatter than a pancake. Was never any "broker" in my life.

Send any mail to
Priv. Edward R. McEligott
152nd Aero Sq. in
Cameron Field,
Rantoul, Ill.

We probably won't get a pay-day for a month or two yet.

Have you heard anything of the reduced rates for soldiers (on the railroads).

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There was a rumor that we were to be charged one cent a mile. If that was true, You might see me home most anytime after I get paid. However I'll bet it was only a rumor.

You ought to see what they give us for guard duty. A shot gun. Heck! The boys look like hunters. An O.D. "mackinaw" with a fur collar, a cartridge belt and a shot gun.

Anything knitted will be appreciated as we expect cold weather.
Hold packages, for instructors.



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