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Wed. June 26, 1918.

Kiddie Mine,

I've let a lot of trivial things interfere with my writing to you, and now I'm getting sorry for it. Well one thing our mail has been delayed for about twenty days. Why no one seems to know. Just now I've finished reading thirteen that came today. - my I'm happy for them - the - course I've just about eaten my heart out for news of you - See your letters are beautiful affairs - just so full of you - my sweet wife - and then just so full of worry about me 'cause I don't write. I'll promise!!
It isn't the most convenient thing to write - you

you know - but that's no excuse. When
there are always so many interesting
things coming up that a fellow doesn't
want to miss for fear they won't come
again. For instance - Sunday I dedi-
cated the afternoon to correspondence
having worked all morning. Then comes
the major - Walker lets go to C -
(our tender what we captured ourselves)
and get some souvenirs. Well now
a fellow can't always do that and
seemingly he can write letters any
time.

well we went - a long hike through
desert paths that afforded woods or
earth boulders, or sunken roads so
dry it couldn't see us - and we were
there - where? - The most desolate,
harrowing mass of plaster - timbers,
and shell holes a fellow ever could
see - There's hardly a stick above
the level of the ground - and to
make the picture more complete -
there are still a dozen dead bodies
yet unburied -

we were searching digouts for
souvenirs - and the paramount we
took was governed only by our ability
to carry back along that long, long
trail. For my share I have the

following - a rifle - in excellent condition and enough ammunition to make a good hunting trip for us, a brand new belt with a brass buckle (an officer's) with "Gott mit uns" on it. These are considered souvenirs par excellence. with the belt go the cartridge cases, bayonet - trench knife - and extra gas mask can. Then I brought an entrenching shovel - a flashlight - a few coat buttons some caps, giving regiment numbers - a few letters and pictures - and that's about all. These came from one of their dugouts that the infantry hadn't found yet. The few troops up there have searched all those places pretty well.

The souvenir - prize most is one

I had to buy from a Frenchman whose father had taken it during a recent counter-attack - It's a German telephon and buzzer (for telegraphing) combined and is a marvellous piece of work for compactness and workmanship. I'm having it fixed up for my own personal use - because they're very - very scarce articles - something that I'm usually contrived to destroy when its capture seems imminent. I'm going to do my darndest to get all those souvenirs home - the only drawback is the weight of them.

It looks like my *croix de Guerre* won't come now - it's too long a time. I haven't seen the citation yet, but tomorrow I'll get a copy of it

if possible and send it to you. In tonight's
Herald I discovered that I was cited by
the division commander - and the
clipping is enclosed. This isn't all of them
but enough for you. Capt. Crook is
my capt. and a mighty fine old soldier -
he is a national Guard Sient. in B Co.
for a time. We all went over the top
with the first wave.

Had four letters from Haverhill
today, from the office and one from a
lady in the M.E. church. They are writing
to see on the honor roll and you'll
notice that I'm there. Oh it's great
all this citation business, now bring
on the silver bars - They're coming
and soon - but how soon?

Surely I've had to earnest some
examinations for promotions in my Co.
and now it's 10 o'clock - and I arise
at six. Tomorrow I have to sit on
a court martial - pretty soon I'll be
a real 'officer.'

Can I go please? Sure I love you -
an awful awful lot - and I want
to see you oh so bad. I will too -
and soon I'm sure - so you just
keep on doing good - and being good
to yourself because you want to be
top - top when I come down to you.

a big love to you, my sweet wife,
and lots and lots of kisses - only no
savage ones - remember. Good night.

x x x x Love, Tom x x x

HERALD. PARIS. WEDNESDAY

AMERICANS ARE CITED FOR HEROIC DEEDS AT CANTIGNY

Further List of Awards Tells Stories
of Amazing Individual Bravery
Under Fire.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE HERALD.)
By DON MARTIN.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES,
Tuesday.

Following is a further list of citations won by American officers and men for heroic exploits at Cantigny, in the first big battle fought by the Americans in France, and won:—

Captain William T. Crook: Displayed courage in maintaining telephone communications and great efficiency in enabling the command to follow all the time the progress of the fighting.

Lieutenant George C. Cox and Lieutenant Tom P. Walker: Same service.

Lieutenant S. A. Baxter: For gallantry in leading a patrol across open ground in daylight, establishing liaison under artillery and machine-gun fire, his mission being extremely important.

Private Floyd Coulburn: At a time when it was necessary that the enemy be unable to obtain identification, brought in the body of a comrade killed in action; wounded since and died.

Private H. Aug: For heroic conduct in daylight patrol, carrying out an important mission in face of artillery and machine-guns.

Private Raymond Upton: Same performance.

Lieutenant George H. Flack: Kept his men in hand and held a post despite serious losses during an enemy raid.

Private Jesse Hyden: After a corporal and the remainder of a gun crew had been injured and the gun put out of action, he repaired the gun and resumed firing; wounded in the head, he helped to carry two wounded men of his squad to a first-aid station.

Private John Norris: Repaired telephone lines under terrific shell-fire and was wounded.

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WITH THE COLORS

Abrahams, Arthur Percy - Corporal, Field Hospital Corps,
307th. Sanitary Train, France. Enlisted - October,
5th. 1917.

Brindamour, Theodore E. Battery A. 102nd. Field Artillery,
France.

Cardwell, Leslie E. Co. D, 23rd. Infantry, France

Gove, Edmund F. Co. F, 23rd. Infantry, France.

Heath, Charles F. Co. F, 104th. Infantry, France.

Sweetser, Joseph Miller Co. C, 23rd. Infantry, France.

Enlisted - July, 12th. 1917.

Walker, Thomas P. - 2nd. Lieut. 2nd. Field Battalion,
Signal Corps, France.

Boyd, Charles L. Co. A, 302nd. Machine Gun Co. Camp
Devens, Mass. Enlisted - November, 24th. 1917.

Braley, Edward Elisha Aero Squadron, Signal Corps,
Fort Slocum, N. Y. Enlisted - December, 11th. 1917.

Carden, Charles J. - Lieut. Field Hospital 333, Sanitary
Train 309, Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.

Crushwitch, Albert

Culliford, Ernest W.

Day, Alexander U. S. Naval Reserve, Fort Tilden, N. Y.

Dorman, Herbert Elmer - Musician, 302nd. Field Artillery,
Camp Devens, Mass. Enlisted - February, 12th. 1918.

Durkee, Chauncy H. - Lieut. Machine Gun Detachment,
Washington, D. C.

Frasier, Margaret M. Base Hospital, Camp Sheridan, Al.

Gilmore, Elliot F. Medical Corps, Battery E, 3rd. Co.
Field Artillery, Fort Myer, Va.

Gynan, Carl Thomas Quartermasters Corps, Camp R.
Freemont, Cal.

Luce, Chauncy W. Langley Field, Hampton, Va.

Morphy, Thomas H. Battery F, 80th. Field Artillery, Fort
Oglethorpe, Ga.

Rogers, Harold C. U. S. Cavalry, Fort Ethen Allen, Vt.
Enlisted - May, 14th. 1918.

Randlett, Guy C. U. S. Navy, Camp Hampshire, Va.

Saunders, James A. Asst. Coxwain, U. S. Navy, U. S. S.
Arkansas.

Somerby, Charles I. Quartermasters Department, Fort
Slocum, N. Y.

NOTE:—Will the relatives and friends of the Boys in
the Service kindly assist the committee in charge
of the Honor Roll, by correcting any error or
omission in the above list; also give middle
name, date of enlistment and rank, to Albert S.
Haynes at once.