

Sunday 19 May 1918

Hello Burch,

Only have this paper - hence the
poor excuse please. It's only a
note anyway - just to enclose a picture
I got this A.M.

You'd better respect this picture
too cause they're awful hard to get.
You see the S.C. does all the picture
taking - and the other day I got per-
mission to go with the Capt who
takes 'em, while he made some close
ups of a German town. We had to
walk about 20 miles and do lots of
crawling but we had a lot of fun
out of it.

This picture was taken at the
front line - the trench runs under
the bush and the Lieutenant has
burrowed down like a gopher to make
a dugout for himself. There is no
bed of roses for them. You can pick
me out can't you? - Yes the girls
with the cane. We have to have
one with a spike in the end to get

around easily.

Yes and then after we had walked ~~that~~ twenty miles with nothing to eat - we drove the wonderful Cadillac to Beauvais - a good ways from here - for a big old feed. It was sure some great day.

Tomorrow I get up at 3 to spend the day way up in the air in an observation balloon. That's the beauty of the Signal Corps - we do so many very interesting things - and the particular beauty is that I am now in a position to enjoy them all.

I've written the note and there's little time for more - Oh yes. Yesterday the letter you wrote on my birthday came. Thanks a lot. And in closing I sure enjoy them.

So long - everything lovely here. I'd never want more fun or interesting work than right here - but I'd sure like to say a hello to you and Ruth -
Tom xx