

Officer's mail

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Dearest Rufus.

Have fifteen minutes to explain about the Dec. allotment. I'm afraid you won't get it ~~because~~ the first allotment I made was for one year, and expired on Nov. 30, 1918. I did not make a new one till January 1st so that leaves Dec. out. I can apply for the money here and will get it. Be sure to let me know whether you get the \$125- for January and then every month afterward. I'm sorry about that - but I expected it would run on till I cancelled it despite its being only one year.

Four minutes is up and
I have to have my teeth
fixed. Just a small filling in
front.

Capt. Burns. B Co was ordered
to the 77th Div. which leaves for
the states immediately - I take
B. Co again - Capt Burns has
been here a month now. and
what's more I should be the next
one to be transferred to a division
going home -

Just came from the dentist -
went there expecting to have a front
tooth filled but he says I don't need
any tooth repair - my teeth are in
excellent shape.

Say do you know I'll be sorry
as the dence to have to take this
"1" from my shoulder and put on

the ensignia of some other division.
There's something about the First
Division that none other has. But
there has to be a parting - I know
that - so the sooner it comes the
happier I'll be. Have a host of
mighty fine friends here, but they
will soon be drifting away too, till
soon the old outfit will have an
entirely new complexion.

I finished the equestrian course
this morning and am mighty proud
of the progress I made. For I learned
a whale lot sure enough. I ride
with much better ease and grace
than the exhibition you witnessed
at Leavenworth.

I'm pegging hard at the history
'cause I want it finished before I
have to leave. It's coming along

fine and all who read it are
kind enough to call it good. The
battalion is very much interested
in it, and I'm to have it printed -
about 600 copies - my first book.
probably my last too.

Hope you didn't worry about the
December money not coming. Suppose
you thought something had happened
to me and worried yourself sick.
Just like you not to figure out that
my negligence let it run over the
year. You could get a divorce for that
- negligence.

I have a request in for a pass to
Italy with Capt. Brown. If it looks
like a transfer soon I shan't take
it because I can't figure where I
can afford it. Rather spend the
money taking a leave in the States
with you. Then later on when

we make sure - and everything has
quieted down - will see Europe to-
gether, will take in Paris - Cantigny -
Sourzon - the Argonne - Coblenz -
Montauban - oh all the famous places
in Europe, and I'll explain all
about how we won the war - 'Whow!

all right now I go - careful lot
of love to you - Sunday - and just you
get all worried up 'cause you can
never tell when I'm going to call
you up and say, "I'm here". Perhaps
by the time you get this, I'll be
on my travels to the seacoast,
fatta kisses - beaucoup hugs - big
ones and a wish to see you soon.

Lovey Tom (all here and 2 more)