

"WITH THE COLORS"

Friday April. 12, 1918
7.30 P.M.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Tonight received Dad's letter. The ceremony must have been very impressive at the Bellvue Stratford and I should of liked to have been there. I will thank you ahead for the cigars and bags of tobacco. of which you may be sure I deeply appreciate. Next to eats tobacco is the soothing balm. When I get across to the other side, the only thing you will be able to send me will be candy and tobacco. All other eats are barred. This certainly will reduce the box to a minimum size, in case you still keep up the practice. The sending of boxes I believe is still carried on to some extent by the home folks.

Thursday during a very cold rain spell we had another overseas inspection. Every extra piece of issued government property was collected. Only certain personal property passed the inspectors. What little I kept back has been passed upon. It is very good that I sent everything extra which I could not use, home.

Tomorrow being Saturday, we have our regular weekly inspection again and perh ps a review in heavy marching order. Monday we expect to spend three days at the trenches. It is not certain as yet. Since we have not been paid, I will be unable to send the package, home but will do so as soon as I am paid.

It certainly is fine to think that the two dogs get along so well together. I am agreeably surprised. How is Ma? Have you heard from Aunt Ella? Next time you write tell her to slip me a few lines. Will let you know when the box comes.

Ever lovingly,
Howard

P. S.

Saturday night am on Guard. relieved Sunday 5.30 P. M.