

received Sept. 9, 1918.

August 10th, 1918.

Dear Mother and Dad;

Enclosed is what you are looking for, a signed request for stuff, from the Colonel, commanding our Regiment.

Colonel Brown is at present away to school, and our Lieutenant Colonel is in command. While at Regimental Headquarters on an errand, I saw the Colonel standing alone, so I questioned him on this object, he said he would gladly sign it, so I ran back, made out a copy and signed, then he approved it with his signature.

The Razor, Knife, Pipe, Air Cushion Pillow, and Cigar Lighter are very important, and I need them badly. These things I can only send for on account of not being able to buy here.

If there is room left, put a box of Cigars and Chocolates in. If no room left, dont take the first articles mentioned, out, as they are needed to much.

Description;-

If possible, get me a razor with a white handle, the pen knife should be strong, of good size, and steel, and with several blades and extra tools, the pipe, please send me one exactly the size and shape of my North East Pipe, the air cushion pillow Aunt Helen gave me, I lost in the line, so I am asking for another. The cigars and chocolates use your own judgment. Do not send Pipe Tobacco, I can buy it here in plenty, and cheaply too.

Please don't think I am lying down orders, not so; just giving some advice in case you want to know just what I want and need.

I consider myself very lucky to get the chance for a package, so only hope it reaches me safely. To-day is a nice sun-shiny day, so I am going to take a bath and wash my underwear.

I am going to close now, because I want to increase the depth, width and strength of my Dug-Out.

Give my love to everybody, and here is luck for the safe arrival of my box.

Ever lovingly,

Howard.