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Dear Mother and Dad;

Just received early this morning, your letters of the 16th and 18th, in which you had the clippings of the good doings of the 109th, or old First Penna.

The boys are crowded around my Dug Out, devouring the contents of the clippings. why did you not send the whole paper? as some of our fellows are getting bundles of them, and magazines of all kinds. Believe me, it certainly made me feel good to hear the papers speak so good of us.

We deserve it, because there certainly were some tough times, you know where I was, now, by the papers themselves they speak very plainly, of our doings on the line. Since then, we have done more, and advanced further.

At present, our Regiment is again on the line, but we soon expect to go back for a rest.

It certainly must have caused some excitement in the City, I can picture the crowds at the bulletin boards, and on Broad Street, moving up and down, some so excited, as to believe we were close to Berlin. Believe me, we're some distance from Berlin yet.

The other day met Raymond Kraft, do you remember him? He is well and happy, he was hit by a piece of shell, but not even cut, he was very lucky.

Every day, lately, have met Harry Hornickle, and some of the other fellows, day before yesterday, I sent to you, a request for stuff, signed by the lieutenant Colonel, hope you can get the box through alright.

This is the third time this week, I have received mail, two each time, is'nt that fine? Don't forget to tell the folks to send papers and magazines.

Give my love to everybody, and tell them I am well and happy. It is very thoughtful of the neighbors to think of us for the Service Flag. Remember me to them.

Lovingly,
Howard.