February, 14th, 1917.

Dear Dad;

News just at present is verysscarce. and so is paper. I generally have a couple of tablets and a book of stamps but last night I found I had ran out of each and this morning I am going into town and replenish my stock. This paper was loaned to me by one of the fellows.

As you may know "Fathers Week" is still in season and you must get the letters only you must show them to my Dear Mother also. Last night I went over to the show to use my (smilege book.) I took a friend with me as I always intend to. The show was very good and I spent a very pleasant smiling two hours. I received the box of candy and knitted goods, both of which I thank you very much. I wrote a peach of a letter to the committee in thanks for the knitted goods. They are wonderful and I am certainly pleased with them.

Yesterday I was issued a new canteen and haversack. This does not mean we are going to move. Everydday I am more disappointed in regards to our being moved. I suppose we must wait till spring late, and then if we don't go across we will be moved North, maybe near my dear old Home, wouldn't that be great.

Give my love to dear Mother and tell her she will soon receive a letter from me. Enclosed letters please deliver from me, as I have not stamps to ',mail them with.

Lovingly,

Howard.