

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1917.

Dear Mother;

Received your very kind letter. We have had a change of climate since I last wrote you. Last night about 6 o'clock it started into blow. It got very cold and blew a gale. As I told you about the fair and circus, I took in both of them. I had a wonderful time at the fair. It was a typical country fair. As far as the exhibit goes it was a mess, but the side shows circus attachment and girls were great. As I told you it got very cold. This morning when I got up to blow my bugle, it was as cold as our coldest December day. It didn't get warm today and I am now writing on my cot covered up with blankets and eating a peanut bar, also I am going to light up one of the boys Cinco cigars. They are very good.

Your reference to the tie, answer is, very nifty. I am sorry I forget these small things but I answer so many letters and have so much to say that I miss things once ~~xxx~~ (in) a while.

Last week received a fine box of candy from Ethel Bell. I answered it at once. Today I was very hungry in the afternoon so, my bunkie and myself bought several boxes of crackers and we used the last of the peanut butter. It went very good. I wish you would thank Mrs. Hanley and Edward Taylor. I will close now and put in a little note for Ma.

With love,  
Howard.