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Feb. 13th 1918.

My dearest Mother,

To-day I was made very happy by receiving six letters. Four three of Dec. 27th Jan 7 and 12th and it was with a peculiar pleasure that I read the one of Dec. 27th telling about Xmas. I was extremely glad to know that you received these letters from me on the day before Xmas.

Then from your letter I could picture the family gathered at home Xmas day and I knew you thought of me.

Mother, I am perfectly happy and I want you to be at all times! I know you are praying for me and that is the greatest thing for you to do to help me. God is my guide and I can feel his nearness more than ever before. As I walked up to Headquarters to-night in a slow drizzling rain, I felt wonderfully

well. It seemed to me to be
mysteries beyond the stars and
felt as in a dream.

I am glad to know that
the little remembrances for you and
my dear and only sister, arrived safely on
time. It was not the small value
but it was those arms full of
love that I sent you. I thought of each
and every member of our family. I
can understand the pleasure Mrs. Frierson
and Rivers had in preparing the
Y-mas tree and decorating it. And my
big hearted brother Joe, give him my
love. I never will forget the last
remembrance of Daddy as I told
him good-bye. Then he went through
the house came out the back screen
door and stood just outside facing
me as I drove the Packard out
from under the Portico and
by him. He stood there erect as a

statue with large tears rolling down those cheeks of his.

From one of your letters you seemed to think that my commission stated that I was to return to the U.S. as an instructor in about three months but you had the wrong impression about it. If you received that idea from anything, I said, while at home, do not for one moment think that I was trying to deceive you. Remember, Mother, that I am one of the ^{11th} "First Army Corp." to come to France in the greatest of all wars. Whether I shall return is left into the hands of Almighty God. I am not to return until the war is over and when that will be no one can determine. England furnished Kitchenor's (100 000) ¹⁰⁰ Hundred thousand. France lost most of her first brave army, Italy sent up her soldiers

as a sacrifice, Canada her Patricians
of the Queen, and Australia lost her
braves at Gallipoli. Now America
has entered her first army Corp
who will be largely lost in
order to gain the needed experience
of war to awaken the nation as
a whole. Whether I shall be left
on the field of honor is beyond
me to say but whatever will be
the outcome, it is best.

We now wear steel helmets, pistols
and gas masks at all times. As
per your request I am going to
send you addresses of three of
my friends.

{ Lieut Hugh D. McCrummen Bat 71, 149th F.F.
" James T. Monk. - " B. " "
" Chas. C. King - 151st F.A.

All A.C.F. via N.Y.

But I never know when I will
be assigned somewhere else. Kelly is to

leave us. He has been with me
for some-time now. Mink was changed
from D. to B. this week. So it is all
chance. In fact I look to be re-
lieved at any time. No ones place
in the army is permanent from
now on. It will soon be all
combined into one national democratic
army.

I never recid the Xmas box
yet nor the pck from Mrs. Cage
Coy Ritchie or Aunt Jennie's fruit cake.
My light is about out so will bid you a
fond good night. ^{Love,} Boyce. Feb. 14 - 1918.

My dearest Mother,

To-night, I am very happy
for I received 10 letters to-day
making a total of sixteen letters
in two days. Very good schine!
There were letters from you 3 and
one from Cula & Frank, one

Mr Crump (Xmas card) , 1 from Brauseford
Clarke of Little Rock and one from
Coy Kate Linsky, and from Ruth
Then I had a Xmas letter from
Emmie Robbins of Cadah. (Coy Lelia)
By the way one of the officers
in my Battery is named Emmie
and another Robbins. Yesterday I
heard from you, Aunt Mattie
and Austin Neely of Memphis who
is now in avianthous. I also
had a fine letter from Mr & Mrs
W.P. Wildburger and I ap-
preciated it very much so I
wish you would call them
and tell them how very much
I enjoyed hearing from them.

A very good day to-day
after all. Now is the most
critical time that I have
ever faced so have every
one pray that I may never

neglect my full duty or any
part of it.

Give my love to all.
Your devoted son
Dapa.

Major Dapa Adams
1st Lieut. - 149th F. A.

A.C.H. via N.Y.

Lieut. Allan B. Adams.
1st Lt. 149th F. A.
American Ex. Forces -
Via New York.