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Lieut Allan B. Adams  
149th F.A. A.C.F.

Officers Mail

March  
18, 1918



Mrs. J. R. Adams

Claremont

Mississippi

Allan B. Adams  
1st Lt 149th F.A.

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WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1918

My dearest Mother,

I am very happy this morning for many good reasons. Yesterday, I went to see my friend, <sup>Mr. W.</sup> Apperson and he is getting along fine. His uncle the of same name owns the Riviera Hotel in Biloxi and I expect you have met him while there. He had a narrow escape for after the shell splinter had passed through his hand then it went through the his coat tearing a big hole in it. We have found the splinter and on one edge it has a little piece of flesh and the other a couple of threads out of his

coat. It will make a wonderful souvenir for him.

So while there I went around to Adge of my Battery and picked up the Xmas Box and a cable gram from Daddy, and several letters. Three of the letters from you, one from "Badgie", one from Bro. Allen and a couple more from friends in the States.

The box was wonderful and I put the fruit cake in one saddle pocket with some of the nuts and candy and the handsome tourist case in the other. Mother it

was certainly packed well.  
 Much love and many  
 kisses to you, my dear  
 Mother for these many  
 useful and appetizing re-  
 membrances. To Engler & Gilman  
 I will immediately write  
 but you may also tell  
 them how very useful  
 this handsome remembrance  
 will be to me. Only  
 a few days ago I was  
 trying to buy one exactly  
 like it but it could  
 not be found over here.  
 The trunk mirror sent by  
 Mattie will fit in.  
 The case very snugly  
 and is also an article  
 which I was greatly in  
 need of at this time.  
 Please express to Mr & Mrs  
 Pierson my thanks for

the poems, "Do it Now."  
I read the poems last  
night and they renew  
the old times fires that  
burn in the soul of  
one so far away. Then  
Mother, the Handkerchiefs  
I have looked for a card  
but found none but  
the marking of my name  
on same, does not look  
as if your hand was  
the same as the many  
marked for me while  
at school! So thank the  
thoughtful one very much  
for me. The brown "michois"  
of France are not very good  
so it is a pleasure to  
have new American hdkes.  
"Budzis" letter was  
very much appreciated and  
will receive an answer

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very soon.

After all I feel that all my family and a great host of friends have been thinking of me many times. I was not the only happy one for I brought 18 letters to my orderly and he was hilarious, also.

Then to it was a great feeling in which my friends back at the battery greeted me yesterday.

But I am afraid that I will not get to be back with them as there are three fine 1st Lieuts still assigned with the Battery who are much older and

all have been members  
of the regiment for a  
long, long period of service.  
One for more than  
12 years.

Of course, I know  
not what I will  
do in the army  
for we can not  
afford to know until  
the last minute. There  
is still in our army  
a few who are not  
true to the cause and  
it makes it much  
harder on all the others.

The people back home  
can not realize how  
much pleasure their letters  
and clippings out of  
papers are giving the boys



over here. Mother, the fruit  
cake was served, as  
desert for us last night,  
and there is only three  
french Lts. and I here,  
so we will have more  
for dinner to-day. It  
kept splendidly.

It is wonderful to  
see the spirit of our  
soldiers. Never disheartened  
and not afraid of  
any thing! Some few  
are a little bit careless  
which will naturally be  
overcome by experience.

Mar 19th 1918

My dear Mother,

Have been through  
the most exciting time  
of my life since! This time  
yesterday. The fire of the  
Boche was excellent and

This battery was completely destroyed. The explosion set it a fire and we evacuated immediately after with fuses, grenades and projectiles bursting every where. It was a wonderful experience but I am not anxious to go through many more of such. There was two hours when we were like rats in a hole. Then to the loss of men was six. It was wonderful.

Much love.

Your devoted son,  
Boyer.

Alvan J. Adams  
1st Lt 49th Ia,  
A.C.F.