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sent from
John Adams
149th St. American C.F.

Mother's
letter.



Mrs. Joel R. Adams

Claremont,

Mississippi

OK
John Adams
149th St.

France.

May 11th 1918.

My dearest Mother,

To-morrow is
Mother's day and
a letter sent you
with Mother's letter mark-
ed in the corner
will be handled
as special delivery,
provided it is
mailed on Sunday
May 12th I am

going to be sure
that mine is ready
so I write to-day.
All the men are
taking advantage
of this great opportunity
and many have
given me their letters
so that they will be
censured on time.
Our government is

The greatest of all and we
have had the best care, equipment
and treatment of any who have
participated in this war. The
men are well pleased and as
happy as can be. All looking
forward to the time when
we shall come victoriously
marching home. To show you
how considerate the government
is ~~about~~ ^{to the affairs of} its soldiers, all
the men who have no Mothers
have the privilege to write to a

4th folder.

Yesterday we had some distinguished visitors.

The commander of our regiment brought them around to this battery and I let them fire two of the guns. They thanked me very much.

One was Mr. Holt of the Holt Publishing Co. the other Judge

Wadsworth of New York.

We named one
of the pieces (canons)
after him. I expect

They will write big

accounts of this when
they go back to the
states. If you ever
see an account
of their stories

you will know it was our
battery they fired and I was
in charge on that day. They are
both very prominent men.

I have just watched a Poche
plane being fired upon by
our anti-aircraft guns and
a large splinter came down
about ten feet away so I
have it as a souvenir.

I will have many interesting
accounts to relate when I return.
Yesterday had your letter of
Apr 18th, a letter from 'Fete'
on same date and a
letter from Haublet, Haublet

relative of theirs or to
Their best friend and
mark the letter Mother's
letter and it will
go by S. P. also.

Mother, I am glad
that I am the lucky
one to have you
of all mothers as my
own and there has
never been a better
or more thoughtful
mother. You are so

brave and true that
you are always writing
happy and inspiring letters.

Many have written
me of the grand
work you were
doing at home
and how you loved
to comfort other
mothers whose son or
sons were in

the service. I can feel your
prayers, for everyday I can
tell that a guiding and ever
powerful hand leads my steps.

I am enclosing an apple
blossom which at once tells you
I am in a small orchard which
is spotted with shell holes from
our enemy's guns. But after
all the hand of nature is
plainly illustrated. Yes, I am
on the front but it is not
always the horrible picture which
you see painted of the war.
Yes, I have taken part in

some fighting but
our losses are very
few. No more than

The percentage of men
to die or be killed
around home.

Every man is happy
and they are star
fellows every one
of them from every
branch and occupation
of life. They are young,
stalwart and cool.

So they are very
proud that they did
not wait to be
drafted. Many have
sacrificed all they
had but it shows
the spirit in which
we fight. If we
had only known how
bad we were needed
we would have
come to Francis' aid

four years ago. France, Belgium
and England have been mistreated,
their men have died, ^{on battle fields} their women
have been sacrificed. America is
here to see these debts settled
and we will be here
until it is finished or America
will be no more a nation.

I am glad Daddy received
the shell case sent him. It
was fired by the French in
March when I was with them.
It is the same calibre guns ~~as~~
that we have in The Battery.

is an instructor
for three months
and he doesn't like
it at all. I do not
blame him. I had
rather fight than
to be sent back
as an instructor.

Everytime it is
offered to me and
I have my choice
it will be turned

down.

Mother, dear, I am
happy here and you
must be happy at home
with the two Boys and
sister soon to be there
for the summer. I
will look forward
to the day when I
come back to our
home. Home to me
is the greatest of
all places. And our
home with you the

motherly queen can not be com-
pared with anything for there
is no better.

Here's with love to Dad, Sister,
Joe and Rivers. Best wishes to
Mr and Mrs Frierson. And many
thanks to our mail service
for its kindness and con-
sideration to us in assisting
our letters home to celebrate
Mother's day.

A heart full of love to
you, Mother.

Your devoted son
Boyer

Allan Olden
144 St. 144th St. American E. F.