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Stallant Adams  
A.F.O. 705



Mrs. J. F. Adams.

Claremont,

Mississippi

Stallant Adams  
1st Lt. F.A.

July. 20<sup>th</sup> 1915.

My dearest Mother,

This is certainly a hot day, with millions of heat waves. This morning I went out to the firing range with Capt Kelley and Capt Reed. They are both very nice to me and Capt Kelley was commander of D. Battery of the 149<sup>th</sup> when I joined E. Bat. so I knew him quite well before. Capt Reed has given me his horse as he expects to get back with his regiment soon and it is said to be the best horse here. I will probably have nothing to do until Monday.

Mother, It is not my will to be back here as an instructor but we all have our turn at it. With what I have seen on

the front as both  
 Executive and Reconnaissance  
 officer of a battery of  
 should be able to handle  
 the situation very well.  
 I <sup>of</sup> <sup>college</sup> <sup>life</sup> <sup>over</sup> <sup>again</sup>  
 certainly would  
 take advantage of  
 all chances to enter  
 in debates or oratorical  
 contests. Always I  
 have hated to get up  
 before a crowd and  
 speak and now  
 I have a whole battalion  
 on my hand at one  
 time.

I have gained  
 quite a bit in weight  
 and believe I weigh  
 at least 185 # now.

The suits that I had  
 last year won't even  
 button on me now.  
 But this increase  
 of weight makes  
 me awful lazy.  
 This hot weather  
 I am afraid it  
 will be quite a period

before my mail,  
reaches me again.  
But all mail coming  
from the states with  
the new address should  
reach me much sooner.

Mother, the war  
situation looks better  
each day and our  
troops are surprising  
our allies with their  
fighting qualities. Much  
better than they thought  
we would be. They  
looked upon us more  
as talkers than  
fighters. France is  
proud of our army  
and we get along  
with them <sup>French</sup> better  
than the British do.

Mother, will close  
for this time as  
I have to move  
to another bldg. Just  
rec'd orders.

Bushels of love  
your devoted  
and happy son  
Boyle

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