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Lt. Alvin Adam  
149th ILL



Mar 19, 1919

Mrs. J. R. Adams

Claremont,

Mississippi



Alvin Adam  
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Ringau, Germany,  
19<sup>th</sup> Mar. 1919.

My dearest Mother,

This has been an unusually busy week for us. We have been inspected two different times on two consecutive days by our C. in C. Gen. Perstring. On the first and most important occasion the whole 42 division was inspected and reviewed in Remagen on Sunday, Mar. 16.<sup>th</sup> Remagen is a nice little town on the River Rhine where

The scenery is very beautiful. Just across the river were the foot-hills of the Eiffel Mountains. This Rhine Valley scenery is said to be the most beautiful in the world. Every foot of ground seems to be tilled, even down to the river banks.

Last Sunday morn we started out early in trucks and the regiment moved in order at Doerich; <sup>from</sup> there we went

to Remagen. To see a whole regiment lined up in trucks moving ahead; it looked as if some big attack was on again.

We arrived in Remagen in time to eat our sandwiches and march to the position assigned the 14<sup>9th</sup> A. on the parade grounds. The entire division lined up at 1. P.M. in divisional formation. Our band was selected to play.

the part of the Divisional band. We are really very proud of its size and its music. The other regimental bands only played when their regiments were being inspected.

The parade grounds ~~was~~ were was a flat level place with a smooth slope raising in front of us. Directly behind was the Rhine river with the mountains just

across, for a splendid  
 back ground. Gen. Pershing  
 made his appearance about  
 1:30 P.M. As the band played  
 a march the C. in C. rode  
 around the Division ~~in~~ on  
 a big gray horse followed  
 by his staff, the commanders  
 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army <sup>Maj. Gen.</sup> Dickman,  
 the commander of the 4<sup>th</sup> Corp-  
<sup>Maj. Gen.</sup> Muir then came <sup>Maj. Gen.</sup> Flagler  
 the divisional commander and  
 his staff. Gen. Pershing then  
 went through the whole division

on foot giving every outfit a close inspection.

After that we passed in review. When we passed in review it was done by two regiments abreast formed in line of ~~batteries~~ batteries, each battery ~~in~~ being in column of squads. It was pulled off in fine style.

The division was then assembled in the closest space possible and our C. in C. made a speech to the division. It was a very fine



talk of thanks for the  
 service and support  
 given him by the division  
 as a whole and by each  
 individual. I will try to  
 get a copy of his speech  
 and send home. That  
~~is~~ when that was finished  
 we marched to trucks and  
 came home just in time  
 for me to go on as officer  
 of the day.

The Sunday just described  
 was a little misty and

cold but the mounted inspection on Monday afternoon was during a cold rain and some snow. We marched to our place of review at 1 P.M. Then we waited in the cold rain until 6 P.M. when the C. in C. came by in his limousine and looked us over very hurriedly. Friday we line up mounted for another inspection.

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Wednesday, I went to  
Coblenz to take a bunch  
of men from the regiment  
for a days leave but it  
was not a very pleasurab  
trip for us. I had 17 men from  
each battery and organization  
in the regiment. Had to arrange  
for passes, trains, food, <sup>trucks</sup> and  
everything else. I bought a  
few souvenirs while there  
and just before I left  
I found Fred Anderson  
coming back on same  
train. He went up to

get a new pair of spectacles. While I was in Cobling the rest of men and officers were inoculated with three shots in one, all in the stomach and to-day they are all ~~of~~ stroked and bent over. It is a pitiful sight and many are layed up in bed. I will write Friday after the big inspection.

I will have to close

11.

for this time. As I  
have been almost two  
days in finishing this  
letter.

Give my love to all,  
your devoted son,  
Boyer,

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