



FIELD ARTILLERY

December 26-1917-

My dear Papa-

I appreciate very much the letter you wrote me for I realize how much of an effort it is for you to write. And I also want to thank you for the Christmas remembrance in the shape of the check. Mary Beverly sent me some candy, Minton some cigarettes and Bessie a cake and it was indeed very kepple to me to know that though

I was unable to be
with you at Christmas
still that you are well
thinking of me.

We had quite
a quiet Christmas
here. a good many
of the officers went
away and those
who remained took
dinner with the men.
The Government issues
Turkey and other good things
at Thanksgiving and Christmas
and we had a fairly good
dinner. of course we
had holiday yesterday
but the balance of
the week will be

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taken up with the
Regular Schedule with
the exception that we
will not have the Officers'
Schools and no examination
on Friday.

Mary wrote
me that Merton has
managed to pay both
the C. City and Plymouth
banks. I am pleasantly
surprised at this and
hope he will be able
to close out without

making any great sacrifices.
Brenne doesn't know
whether he has been
favorably received or not
but from talking to him
I am of the opinion that
he will get his Commission.
They are very slow in
coming as they have to
pass thru the Department
at Washington. I thought
of you all a lot on
Christmas and missed
more than I can tell
you not being there with
you. Please make Mac
write to me for you as I
want to hear from as
often as possible.
Affec^t P.
Richard