



FIELD ARTILLERY

Monday.

Jan-27-1918-

My dear Papa-

Several changes among the officers in our Battery have taken place since I wrote you the last letter. Lieut Davis has been transferred to us from Headquarters Co. to fill Lieut Royster's place. Of course he is a 2nd Lieut. He is

a great big scedie,  
a little larger than me  
and will make us a  
good man. Lieut  
Morris, one of our  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenants has  
been transferred to  
the Aviation Section  
of the Regiment and  
will leave in a few  
days for Fort Sill  
Okla. for training. He  
will be out there 2  
or 3 months. Capt

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Weswell has sent  
in his resignation  
and has suggested  
me to the Colonel  
to take his place as  
Captain. I do not  
think however that  
they will appoint a  
Snoff as Captain  
so please don't expect  
to hear that I have

received it. He told  
the Colonel that I  
was the only man  
in the Battery capable  
of being Captain. I  
feel a little good  
over this compliment,  
though I don't expect  
anything from it.

We have a  
regular army Colonel  
in command now, Col.  
Maek, who has just  
returned from a  
4 months' trip to  
France. He is a

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West Pointer and  
has packed up  
things since coming  
here. I do not know  
when Colonel Cox  
will return or if  
he will return at  
all. We never know  
anything in advance  
in the Army.  
after 12 or 15  
severe snowstorms  
during the past month

it has now started  
to raining and has  
kept it up for 3 days.  
The camp is now like  
a swamp and I have  
bought a pair of  
rubber boots that  
come almost up to my  
waist. This keeps  
my feet dry. We  
don't have to brice  
thru the rain and  
mud but spend the  
time talking to the  
men in the mess-huts

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We are getting on very comfortably and are keeping warm. I have piled in my tent enough wood to last us 3 weeks - so there is no danger of getting out of fuel. I feel perfectly well and as a matter of fact I haven't had a pain or ache of any

moment since I joined  
the Army.

I received  
yesterday your  
letter of the 24th  
and was so glad to  
hear from you.

There is really  
no need for Brownie  
to talk about resigning -  
that would be a very  
Christian thing to do.  
His major is not  
going to require him  
to do more than  
Brownie is able to



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to and then laid him  
to account, I have  
heard of Major Freeman  
and he is too good a  
soldier to fail to  
realize the capacity of  
one man for work. My  
greatest trouble is  
that I have so little  
to do that I bring  
me in contact with  
higher officers. When  
the Captain is present

of course he gives  
orders and if he is  
absent the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt's take  
charge. Stover and  
will see Major Pruitt  
about Brownie, and  
ask him to look  
into it. I do not

think that a letter  
from you would help.

I hope you are able  
to stay comfortable  
during this weather.

With love to you all  
affectionately  
Richard