

Sunday August 11-1918.

My dearest Mary B- ^[Dixon]

I have just gotten back from the nearby City and was delighted to get your letter of July 16. Your letter of the 3rd came about ten days ago, and I certainly hope you will continue to write me as often as you can. I do not correspond with any one now and so get very few letters. I did not attend the school that you wrote that Phillips Wood has been to, and am sorry I cannot tell you its name but might say that it

was not a great distance from the Swiss border, in the prettiest part of France.

The work here continues very strenuous but probably will slow down considerably from now on. It has been so arduous that today is the first time I have left camp in 4 weeks. It has been very interesting however, for we have an almost unlimited supply of ammunition and we like nothing better than to see the guns shoot. I was on duty with the guns 2 days and one night ^{at a time} and thoroughly enjoyed it.

This war-business has

its drawbacks as well as its pleasures. I will soon lose my friend Davis for the balance of the war. He will return with several others to America ^{in a day or two} to join another outfit and keep train it. Rodman Lyman is also in this list. I have asked Davis and Rodman to stop off at Edenton to see you all on their way to their homes - as probably they will have a few days furlough upon their arrival in America. I am afraid that if they do not hurry back they will not get the chance to

get into the fighting. The news from the front continues good. The Americans have made their presence felt and in addition have given new heart and have stabilized the veterans of Britain and France. Germany's reserves are now being used to the fullest with no more to draw from and with the ever increasing numbers of Americans, the Kaiser is certainly wise enough to see nothing but defeat. The thing that I am afraid of is that we might agree to his offer of peace before we run him out of France and do as much damage to Germany

as he has done here. I do not mean to say that the allies will ever think of accepting peace under any terms but those absolutely according to their views but that time might come while the German armies are still in France. I have never

seen such a change in people as has taken place among the French in the last month while always determined to win, they would not make any predations about the war, but now they are jubilant over the victories and ascribe much of it to

the American army being here.

I certainly hope you
are well and getting on all
right. Take care of yourself for
I want to find you well and happy
when I return. I am sorry

that Mae will leave but am
quite sure you would rather have
him go at once and not wait.

Your letters are so very interesting
to me. I love to hear of all the
doing back home.

Give my love to all at
home and please write me
when you can.

Affectionately
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