

Saturday Nov 16-1918-

My dear Bessie-

We have just received orders tonight to take our four cannon out of position up here at what was the front and to send them back. Of course I am glad that its all over but I really hate to think that we have shot our last barrage. The last battle we were in was Sunday when we assisted the Infantry in taking a town. There were 500 Germans there and when the Doughboys got there they found only 93 which they captured. The others had either been killed or wounded. The 93 were so boxed in by the artillery fire that they did not dare attempt to run thru it.

The General said some
complimentary things about our
accurate shooting. My Captain
has been away for two weeks
on a vacation at Nice, so
I have greatly enjoyed running
the battery, especially in these
little battles.

The Huns kept up
quite an active artillery
up to the very hour that the
armistice went into effect
and then everything was as
still as death for two days.
When we heard explosions again
at first we thought that they
had decided to start again
but later found out that
the explosions were mines that
they had laid. They are required

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to destroy all mines and they
Certainly had a great many
set for us in our
sector for they are going
off now day and night.
The Captain will
return probably tomorrow or
next day and then I hope to
get my pass signed tho. if
we are going forward into
Austria or Germany it won't
be granted. In fact I do not
want my pass now if we
are going to advance. We
are unable to find out
just what our Regiment is
going to do. Of course all
the Army will not go forward
and it remains to be
seen if we are going to
be favored. We are very
ambitious to be among
those ordered to advance.
I have received your

letters of Sept 22 and Oct 1st
They come pretty close together, I
have enjoyed all of your letters
so much - please write to me
as often as you can.

after we spend a
while on enemy territory (if we
are sent there) we want to be sent
back to the good old U.S.A. I am
glad that I was lucky enough not
to be sent back until I had been
thru it even tho' the return did
promote a 1st Lt to a Captain. Most
of my friends have written me
that they would have given anything
to have gone thru it with the
Regiment.

Please kiss the 3 dear little
quits for me. I am crazy to see
you all again -

With devoted love

Richard