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Sunday - Jan - 13 - 1918 -

my dear Papa -

I have just
gotten back from Greenville
where several of us
from this Battery
spent last night
at the Hotel, Drounie
came in and stayed
with us and we
were glad to get
the opportunity to
get away from Camp
for awhile. Friday
was the worst day
I have ever seen

anywhere - rain - hail
and snow all day and
night with a very high
wind. No drilling was
done but at 11 o'clock
in the afternoon the
officers had to
attend a lecture about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from our camp
and of course got
pretty wet and cold
going + coming. As
soon as we returned
at 3 o'clock we had
to go on the usual
Friday afternoon

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examination in this
drenched condition
but about 4:30 the
lights went out and
Major Bueurnice who
was in charge told
us to hand in our
papers. The other two
Artillery Regiments who were
taking the same exami-
nation at the same
time were sent to
find Candles and
Lanterns and completed
the paper. I understand

that the General didn't
like the idea of the Major
taking up the papers
and has stated that
the papers for our
Regiment would be
marked at their value.
We are hoping that
he will change his
mind about this as
none of us had more
than half finished
and those of us who
had answered the half
correctly would of
course be graded only 50.

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The hail and sleet caused many trees all over the camp to be uprooted and numerous tents narrowly escaped being demolished. A pine tree fell across the corner of my tent and crushed it in a little and I had to move my cot into the mess hall.

I got your postal of the 8th and hope that you have been able to keep warm.

and comfortable
during this terrible
weather.

I am quite sure
that Brownie is going to
make a very excellent officer.
He likes the work and has
the necessary back. I think
that he is one of
the youngest officers in
the entire Division.

Please write me
when you can.

Love to you all,
affectionately

Richard