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U. S. A.

Sept. 17, 1918.

Dear Silvers,

I have received your "news Letters" regularly and have been intending to send in a line for some time, but - you know how things go.

I was commissioned a 2<sup>d</sup> Lt. in the Reserve Corps in May 1917, taking examinations at Governors Island, and was sent on active duty to Ft. Myer, Va. The latter part of Aug. 1917 I was



(17)  
assigned to the 317<sup>th</sup> Inf. at  
Camp Lee, Va. but managed to  
get a transfer to a branch I  
preferred and was one of the  
original officers of the 314<sup>th</sup> Machine  
Gun Bn. which was organized in  
Sept. Since then I have been  
continuously a member of Co B.  
From Dec. to March I was  
an instructor in the Machine  
Gun Department of the Division  
School of arms, and received,  
at the end of Dec., a promotion  
to the grade of 1st Lt. n.a.

Early in the spring we came "over here" and have been doing the grand tour ~~NO. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100~~ ever since. It reminds me of one of "Cook's Parties" with stopover privileges, the chief object, aside from fighting the Bosch, being to "see France just". There are few places we have missed from Bordeaux to the English Channel.

Since the end of June I have been in command of the Company, and, while it means an added responsibility, I rather like the job. From "Shave tail" to "Old man" in the same company



and leading it into its first engagement has been my good luck. You will pardon the rather personal note of this letter but I presume it is the sort of information you want.

all news from the College is always more than welcome. What are the prospects for football? are sports to be discontinued among the colleges?

Looking forward to your next  
 new letter, I am,  
 BB19 and  
 N.E. M.L.A. sincerely yours  
 Donald D. Board 16.



October 10  
1918

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Am. E.F.

Dear Don:

It was fine of you to write your letter of September 17 and we are mighty glad to have it. We are kept so busy just at the college just now attempting to readjust our program that there is only time for a brief word of acknowledgement to all letters.

Our football team looks mighty good just now with nine members of last year's squad still in college. We beat Ursinus last week, 66-0 and gave promise of one of the best teams in the country. However the college is now under quarantine because of the influenza and the game scheduled with Lafayette for next Saturday has been cancelled. We expect to keep up sports as much as possible throughout the year.

Good luck to you and all best wishes.

Cordially yours,

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