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Dear Ma.

Have just bought a new Waterman pen so will try it out. The pen writes pretty good but the ink is nothing extra. The mail has been coming in very good for the last three days. I got several from you & Reynold too.

Trud the snaf of Carleton & was real pleased with it. That looks like a fine wheel.

I would like ^{to} get another Sax. so Carleton could have mine to play in High School this year. Have been trying to get enough to buy one, but haven't as yet.

Suppose Geo. is through Officers school now. I haven't any doubt but what he made good as he sure is a fine soldier. We have sent two bandmen to officers school this mo.

Every 3 months the Band has been sending 3 fellows to officers school but I hope we can keep them from now on.

This morning we are trying out about 10 new fellows. We are at last going to enlarge our band. I hope we'll get a lot of practicing now. It has been

so long since we've played that we
sure need some rehearsals.

What does Clara expect to do
now that the fellow was turned
down at Camp Devens? Will she
continue to keep her position?

You must have had a fine
time at S. P. Those guards sure
are having a snap at the ship-
yard. Wouldn't mind having
that job myself.

No, I never received the union
suits, but I manage to get an
issue of underclothes once in a
while.

Yes, I did take out an insurance
for \$5000 & will look it up.

I should like to see Arthur Merrill;
what ranch is he in?

Glad you got a chance to
look at the "Stars & Stripes." It
is a very good paper I think
& is written for the soldiers too.

You guessed right when you
said we were in Texas.

Got a letter from Aunt Meriel
yesterday. She said Roland was
getting \$13.50 a week. He must be
a hustler. She sent me a 4.

leaf clover too so³. I expect to have
the best of luck. Aug 8th

Since I began this letter I have
had some time; Got a 24 hr. pass
I'd like to tell you about my trip &
the sights I saw; perhaps I can
later. Jack has just come back from
Paris. It sure is some place.

Did you know that this Div has a
traveling show. The men have been
taken out of the companies & guess
the most of them have had considera-
ble experience. A band goes with
them to furnish the music; pretty
soft eh? They travel all over France.
First they have a 1st class minstrel
show with some real comedians
Following this a number of acts are
staged. One was a triple tongued solo
on cornet another was a sketch
artist 3rd a slight o' hand; he was
in a dress suit & looked very clever.
One thing which I liked very much
was the stringed orchestra of violins
mandolines guitars & cello. A
male quartette sang several new
songs.

Am glad pa liked the shells; tell
him I'll send him some real boche
souvenirs in a day or two. They

will make a fine attraction for the window. I am glad to hear pa is having a good business. I hear Mr. Marsh is back in the store. You might give her my regards if you are in the store some time.

I went ^{while} into some swell jewelry stores ^{on} my last leave.

Reynold said he has got a few souvenirs: has he sent any home yet? I saw some boys in the Army suits day before yesterday. They were in the aviation. Believe me they did look good. Said he was learning the British code of signals as they used that altogether now.

Got a letter from Leon Thomas the other day. Last night I got 2 more mag. from uncle Will & they sure come in handy.

Guess I'll call this enough for now.

With love to all
Earle.

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