

Thursday Sept. 13th

Dear Blanche,

Your letter and another box of your licking good fudge today. It is sure a great dope. I haven't been paid yet but we expect it every day now. I get 30 dollars a month which, considering board & clothes, is better than we ever done yet. Today I qualified in the speed test for semaphore & wig-wag signaling. In semaphore

the letters are formed with
two flags — one in each
hand. One has to be
capable of receiving at
least 50 letters a minute,
and it takes lots of
practice to be able to read
this fast. Only about
a third of our section
passed so you see I am
"walking on air" like
Marie. In wig-wag,
the letters are made by
waving a single flag
over the head. Copying
the dots and dashes
of the European Morse code.
On the right is a dot
& on the left is a dash.
It is only possible to send
about 30 letters a minute

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(average about 20) so it is not hard to receive this. One man watches the sending station & calls off the letters to his partner, who fills in the message blank. I am also getting along good in the radio. Today I was in the fastest class of "ham" operators. There were five of us at the table and all of the others had worked on commercial wires before enlisting. Tuesday I was laid

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low by a wild horse that I was grooming. The right side of my jaw was cut up and my shirt was ripped off my shoulder. They picked me up and carried me to a hose and washed out the bruises and then put turpentine in it to sterilize. I went to the hospital & had it dressed. Now, the swelling has gone down but my neck and right knee are a little stiff. I was not the first victim of the horse so he is no longer put out

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on the pocket line with
the others. The Co. A-6
is all mounted but
we will have to wait
for our new saddles
before we have regular
mounted drill. We also
have about 20 ~~to~~ mules
beside the 90 horses
to take care of.

Win and Bert sent
me a mighty fine
military watch. Don't
worry about yourself,
believe me.

Charley wrote me
a long letter, telling

me what a fine
prosperous year he
had ahead and then
offered to send me
any magazines
I wanted. Ta Ta.

Well I must quit
Forest.

Thank you for the
judges. Come again.

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