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Friday Oct 12, 1917

Dear Marie,

Well I am just getting out and exercising my grins abit. Still pretty shaky and dont feel much like doing "To the rear", or "By the right flank" yet a while. When I was at my worst I was handled with rubber gloves and fed tomato soup thru a glass tube. My face was swollen & my eyes were nearly shut. My tears were like beams. On top of this I was painted every four hours with a coal black salve. When the hospital Major first looked at me he said I would be out by Christmas!


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I am all fine & rosey now though. This afternoon I came down to the city and got a little birthday remembrance for you. You will be several days over fourteen before it reaches you, and I am sorry I couldn't do better.

I sure do hope your new year will be full of happiness and good luck.

I am also sending you a Signal Corps Emblem to sew on the left hand front of my sweaters coat.

The crossed wig-wag flag and torch represent the highest branch of service in the U.S. Army, and you may be proud to wear it. If you should see me in my


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new Army overcoat  
 that I was just issued  
 to me yesterday. Now  
 when I get some shoes  
 I will be fixed up in good  
 shape. The coat is a "beaut"  
 though, if I do say so.

Say maybe you would  
 rather not wear the Signal  
 Corps insignia. If not then  
 wait and sew it on for me  
 when I get home.

Well I must catch the  
 car for the Fort.

Hope you are getting  
 along well in your studies,  
 and in your music and  
 elocution.

Yours,  
 Forrest.

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