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Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1918.

Dear Marie,

I am on a "light occupation" today, acting as Room Orderly at the Cantonment U. M. C. A.

The Company is on guard except a half a dozen, who are hauling coal, and others on special duty.

Yesterday, I passed the wigwag test with a perfect copy. I know I will have no trouble with the Radio or Acetylene lantern tests.

Sunday afternoon, Sgt. Brown, Fretchie and Emil Sundberg & I went out for some wigwag and semaphore practice.



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We got over a mile apart and used Sig. Cps. binoculars. After an hour of this, we looked over the Engineer's new trenches. (These are shown in the 5x7 pictures of the radio men in the field, that I sent Mother. One tunnel is boarded on sides, roof & floor and has a track on which they run a little car to carry out the dirt. The tunnel is about 150 feet long and goes down hill. Stenberg & I got the car at the top and rode down the full length of the tunnel. We had a flashlight



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so we could tell when we were nearing the sandbags at the end of the tracks.

When we were coming back, Fritchie surprised me with the remark, "This reminds me of riding the 'figure 8' at Harlem Park." I never had any idea he had ever been near Rockford.

Do you remember riding the "dippy dips" last summer? Gee, I wish we could have those good times again this year.

We have been having some great weather lately, and today is one perfect Spring day.

HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY SAVING. WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.



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Most of us would give three months pay if we could have our horses back again.

We are spending nearly all of our time now with our technical work, radio and visual signaling. It sure is interesting. After the B Battalion field maneuvers, of which I told you, Captain Murphy complimented the performance of Co. "A-6". And, this morning Lt. Butler told us we were the best trained Radio Company in the Army. Class to us huh. We are going to lose him as



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he has been promoted.
Believe me, we are all
sorry to see him go too.
I haven't heard
from Stock yet but I
suppose he is very busy
getting down to business
at Urbana.

With love,
Forrest.



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