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April 2, 1918.

Dear Blanche,

Well to think of what you must think of me now for not writing sooner. I got all your letters etc. & stamps, also Mrs. V. V.'s fudge. Yankee. It looked pretty much as if we were going to leave until today.

The motorcycles were all crated and only the bare necessities are left unboxed. It was rumored that we were booked for joining the Sixth Division at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

The Co. Clerk is very busy and I am working





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in the office until things  
slack up a bit. I  
have a "beaut" of a  
typewriter - an Underwood  
No. 5. She's some mill.  
Been helping copying  
service records all P.M.  
and it was some job.  
Yesterday I passed the  
final Foreign Service  
tests in Wiggway,  
Bernaphore and Telegraphy.  
I surprised myself in  
the latter by turning  
in an accurate copy  
at 20 words per minute.  
M.V.E. McTelvey,  
who sent for us, started  
at 10 wds per minute,  
sending 100 words.





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He then sent 100 words  
at 15 words per minute.  
I got this all preached &  
cream so decided  
to try to "get" the 20-word.  
Well I got it & if  
I was in civil life I  
would be able to qualify  
for a government license  
as a commercial operator.  
(All radio operators in  
civil life have to hold a  
gov't license before he  
is allowed to touch a  
wireless key. Even an  
amateur has to have  
an amateur license, and  
has to be able to receive  
10 wds per minute.)  
20 words is 100 letters  
per minute, and you





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would be surprised to know that an expert can send and receive that fast with the Semaphore flag system — in which a certain position of the two flags stands for a letter.

We are going to have French radio equipment on motor trucks so will leave our "white" tractors here.

Well I must quit. Gee, I wish I could write — can you read it? Don't know whether I dare mention "Carbuncle" or not — but you know my sentiments. Forrest.





Leavenworth Community House

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