

June 6, 1918
Base Hospital 31

Dear Emmett,

Congratulations, old man. You don't know how surprised I was to know that on May 15th you put on the old khaki.

I received this news from Cass, who came down to the hospital yesterday to visit me. He had written a couple weeks before saying that if it was possible he was going to come to see me.

But I had no hopes of him being able to swing it for I know how hard it is to get leave to go any place over here. Everything is business and as you probably know, there is very little sympathy in the army. I don't know how he did but he kept right at it with the old Cass determination, finally succeeded in being given a car and driver and made the trip down here, a distance of over 80 miles. He arrived shortly before ten in the morning and visited here in the room until three in the afternoon when he started back. He is looking fine, taking on weight, and is more than satisfied with his officers.

As I started out to say on the first sheet, Cass brought a letter with him written by Marie on the 12th of May. I had received mail a couple of days before but the latest from home was May 5. In that batch of letters were 3 from you and the same number from Marie, all written since receiving news that I had been wounded.

I had no idea that the news of my being wounded would cause so much excitement in Ottawa. Little did I think when I came over here, that I would be the first from Ottawa wounded in France. Tom Farrell wrote a letter to Cass in which he said that the news of my being wounded had finally awakened up the town to the fact that we were at war, and that it sold more liberty bonds than all the rest of the arguments put together.

I will now try and do as well towards you as you have to me in regard to writing. You are now a fighting man, I am not. The tables have been completely reversed. I hope to be soon home to try and fill the big hole that was left there when you left. And Emmett, you don't know how grateful I have been, ever since coming over, to get letters from father, mother and Marie, all saying how hard you were trying around home and at the office trying to make them forget.

I know it's going to be a relief to you to know that I am going back to them, and there will be some one there in your place. I know my leaving would have been twice as hard for me if you had not been home to stay with