

Plainfield 1—10—18

Dear Chip

Your letter came in to day and was very joyously received as we had not had but one since you went into camp. and we had decided you had gone aboard and it might be a long time before we had a letter - there is so much secrecy used to prevent information getting abroad. I had my mind made up to call on you if I got word in time before you shipped, it is not a long run to Newport News. but as you have a prospect of a furlough that will be better for you can have a short visit with all of us. had you got home xmas Ethel was intending to come up, Edith could not come on account of scarlet fever, all the rest were here but I think I wrote you about it. I have been called by girl from near Cartersburg who wanted to know about you that was yesterday, and earlier in the week (probably last week) Miss N. of Clayton I very much admired her voice but she was too far away.

for me to talk to but Frank was near and I called him and they had considerable talk I think she was knitting you a sweater, I have always wanted to meet her -

Frank went to Danville to day to fill his papers and to Plainfield this afternoon & he did not take any witnesses with him - I received yours last week and sent them back to the P.O. Addressed to you, I recon Dalton will certify them back to Danville or send them to you, Frank will see the secretary about your dues the lodge ordered them all paid and receipts sent, The red cross uses our hall and has made us a service flag with 7 blue stars as that is our number in service

There has been the most cold weather and snow we have had for years Mother and I have not been out on a single visit since last fall, the wind has been so cold that it has been a job to do the work, we have sold the pigs last week (the rest of them) but have sheep on hand yet, the market is and has been bad for two months, we think they will not more than pay the purchase price but we will unload soon - well it did make my mouth water to hear you talk about the oysters, I like to lift them out of the water pry open the shell and swallow them before they have time kick,

Dad,