

Chet Parsons to Adrian A. Parsons

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Capt. A S S C U S Army

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Dear Folks ÷

Rec'd your letter of the 23rd today it seems that they cant make the trip in any less than a mo. I was surprised to learn that up to the 23rd you had not heard from me. When they do begin to come suppose they will come in rather large bunches.

Every thing here is pretty mild now but guess we will leave her in a short time.

I am on special duty now I like the work fine, have been asked to go on the night shift so will begin to night. Yes Dad I wish we could write more freely you cant imagine how hard it is to write a letter and keep with in the bounds. In other words it doesn't leave very much to write about.

Dad if you remember the last sentence in your letter I have come to the conclusion you are about right.

Write when ever you feel like it tell Bert & Maud also Tan & Pert to write.

So Long

Chet

[envelope:] Mr. A. A. Parsons/Plainfield/Indiana/U.S.A./From Sergt. C. A Parsons/482 Aero Sqdn/Am, Ex. Forces

[stamped:] Examined by No. 51/ Passed by CASE CENSOR/ No 5

[Signatue:] James JM McQuillon/Captassc

Historical Notes:

Chester "Chet" Adrian Parsons (1887 – 1977) served during WWI in the American Expeditionary Force in France from April 1918 – April 1919. He exchanged letters with his father, Adrian A Parsons (1846 – 1929), a disabled Civil War veteran. These letters provide insight into life on the front.

"Bert & Maud" are Chet's brother Gilbert "Bert" Roland Parsons (1883 – 1959) and wife Laura Maude (Symmonds) Parsons (1885 – 1965) who farmed with Adrian.

"Tan" is William Stanfrd "Tan" Parsons (1905 – 1973), oldest son of Chet's brother William Nelson "Bud" Parsons (1878 – 1961)

"Pert" is unknown.