

Chet Parsons to Adrian A. Parsons

June 9, 1918

Capt. A S S C U S Army  
"With the Colors"

June 9 – 18

Dear Dad & Mother ÷

Well Dad I rec'd. today your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> & it made better time than any I have gotten There is no need of telling you how glad I was since you have been a soldier and know from experience The papers you sent came O.K and I surly did enjoy them even though they were rather ancient. I suppose the states are worked up to a fever heat since the trouble on the coast

I am surprised at our enemy going so far from home when they have such a big job here. The day will indeed be a happy one when they are forced to see their mistake.

The weather here has been fine for the last mo. we have made a record on the work we have been doing even though conditions were bad at first.

Was rather surprised that Norman was considered to old for service as I see a lot of men that look much older than him.

I have heard you say several times that every one should have military training as it would make them better men. I have seen enough that I can agree with you perfectly I know that I am nothing like I was.

It sure will make a man out of a boy. Our Capt. is a great character he reminds me of Teddy I wish the latter was over here then I think we would have enough. Am still doing special duty, like I fine and never felt more equal for a hard job in my life than at present.

Write when you can Dad and dont pick your news as I am glad to hear any thing.

So Long  
Chester A

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

[postmark:] USA Military/Postal Service/Jun 14/4.00 PM

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[Signature:] James JM McQuillon/Capt ASSCUSA

## 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.

"Norman" is Chet's brother Norman Edgar Parsons (1873 – 1939) who lived with his family in Guilford Twp.

"Teddy" is Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. (1858 – 1919), 26<sup>th</sup> President and Commander of the Rough Riders during the 1898 Spanish – American War.