

Chet Parsons to Adrian A. Parsons

June 20, 1918

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

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Dear Dad & Mother ÷

It has been two weeks since I heard from the states but I have not expected at any time to receive mail at all regular.

We are very busy and time goes awful fast. My partner Robert Nelson an Ill. lad and I work every day Sunday included. Dad when I wrote the last time I had just rec'd those papers but had not read them any but you can rely on information put out by the Tribune for at the time that paper was published conditions over here were just about as they put out.

Even though the papers were old you cant imagine how I enjoyed them. Reading of the disasters & defeats followed by victories was more interesting to me than even before.

The weather has been fine until the last few day which have been cold & rainy. We are near ~~the~~ a town that bares the same name as does Abslem Thornbrough wife.

My good health continues.

So Long  
Chet

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

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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.

"Robert Nelson" is unknown.

"Abslem Thornbrough's wife" is Absalom Thornbrough's (1850 – 1910) wife Nancy M. (Barker) Thornbrough (1853 – 1927). Nancy, France is a riverfront city in the north-eastern French region of Grand Est.