

Monday the 18th day of March, 1918.

Got a letter from Ethel. Mother worrying about Ike and to a certain extent about me. Believe me, war is hell so is worry. I wanted to send some money home for Ike to add to the machine contribution that Dad and Ike are buying for Mother but I lent about 20 to Tuckaman and the result is that I am broke. I hope he returns it but I am not worrying for I think he will. He is a sullen fellow. He is one of the men who told the Captain that if he was not given a furlough he would go AWOL. He is the most peculiar Ben Israel that I have ever seen. Very unresponsive and sullen and seems to be of a very unfortunate disposition. I heard one of the men speaking to him and he does not seem to have any pride at all. Captain had a School for Non-Coms tonight and gave us a most fascinating talk. He frightens me by the confidence that he puts in me. He has put me in complete charge not only of the paper supply work but also the company paper work and the result is that I have my hands full to live up to his expectations. Captain wants us to live on our dignity and to acquire the respect and confidence of the men. It's going to be hard but I am going to try it. Kept right afloat, the only fault that I find is that I must utilize my time to better advantage. Too much time wasted.

Tuesday the 19th day of March 1918.

Busy all the time with different kind of reports and to such an extent that I find it impossible to go ahead on my ordnance returns. I think that when all is said and done that I will have to have someone work on the ordnance in order that it may be finished within a decent time.

Wednesday. the 20th

I notice that casualties are coming in from the other side but that the Americans are taking it easy. I suppose that the only thing that will disturb them will be a list of several thousand men killed. I got my pictures today and shall come home for the folks for their 25th wedding anniversary. Ehrenreich was around and I boosted Morris Urich tho' I am not sure that he is the one who telegraphed me. I think that Urich will get it if he wants it.