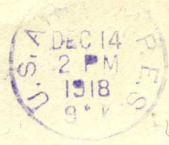


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No! I didn't leave any trouble about baggage coming over & leave  
not done any more of the fool tricks I did!

Mobile Hospital # 1.

Dec. 10 - 1918

My dear Edna:

I expect you think I am  
mean not to have written for so long  
but I expect Nell has kept you occasionally  
posted as in several of her letters  
she has said 'I have written to Edna'. I  
received your very interesting letter of  
Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> after I left Beauvois &  
joined this outfit & life has been so  
strenuous & such a rush since that  
I didn't even attempt to write any  
personal letters except to Nell. I wish  
I could write you a long letter & tell you  
the many things I have seen & experiences  
I have been through but can only send a  
short one this time for while we are  
not busy just at this time yet conditions  
of living make it difficult to write.  
I am in my tent with one wee candle  
for light & my ever ready knee is my

usual writing table. I saw much  
of interest around Montdidier when I  
had headquarters at Beauvais but it  
was quiet there compared to what it  
has been here. About Oct 1<sup>st</sup> I had a  
wire to report to Paris immediately &  
on arrival there was assigned to Mobile  
Hospital #1 & told to take train to Par-  
le Duc & find the outfit from there.  
I expected to be several days finding  
it as it was just back of the fighting  
front at Verdun but located it & arrived  
bag & baggage that night, a very fortunate  
& thankful man. Mobile #1 is entirely in  
tents & moves with the battle front & receives  
only the worst wounded cases which  
cannot be moved back further. When  
there was a drive on there would be a  
constant stream day & night, we would  
operate & as soon as possible pass them  
on back to an evacuation hospital, the  
last month of the war we operated 1077  
cases & I had 227 burials, this will give  
you some idea. We were & are yet constantly

