

fell, breaking up quite a bit. The pilot only lived a few moments after he hit the ground.

The German artillery has been very active too, but most of the damage done has been to the open fields and already ruined buildings.

We have moved further left on our line than we were. The trenches are pretty old and not much good for defensive purposes, the only decent thing about them being that there is a strong thick parapet. We had to go to work and build up emplacements, dugouts, etc., so that between working and doing guards, we were on the go about 17 hours a day, and that in the worst weather we have had. The infantry had to put out a great deal of wire in front of the trench and we lost some men every night, most of them being hit in the head.

When we first went into these trenches, we had a great time shooting at Germans. The men who were in them before us must have been rather slow, for we saw Germans walking all about the place for the first three days. The first two days we put our machine gun up on the parapet in the afternoon and

shot at Germans who were crossing an open field 1750 yards away. It did us good to see them run or duck for cover, for we still have a vivid recollection of the times they have made us drop to the ground when in the open at night.

All leave has been cancelled indefinitely, which means I guess until next fall. Also our 21 days of rest back from the firing line seems to be only a myth. However, if the weather continues fine we will not mind so much. Do you know it is fearfully hard to settle down to write this nice weather for we all have the spring fever.

I met Lieut. Bill. Townsley in the trenches the other day. Was rather surprised to see him as I did not know he was even around here. Had a chat with him, and he said I would see him often as his battery was covering our front.

Kindest regards to all,

Yours truly,

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#### A FRESHETTE'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF LIFE AT MAC. HALL.

Mac. Hall, April 25, 1916.

Dear Glad:—

Now that I am settled I can tell you more about the life here. O! I wish you could be with me, you would love it so.

The college is on a high hill overlooking the city and on the highest point of the campus, are the two buildings for the girls,—The Institute and Hall. Both are large buildings, the Institute very imposing, but for its large size the Hall has a very homey