

216
~~512~~th Coast Artillery ^{Battalion} Regiment
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN
Ft. Bliss, Texas

Dear Friend:

Pvt. Viecelli Jolian Serial No. 36544672
of the ~~512~~ ²¹⁶ ~~Coast Artillery Regiment~~, ~~216~~ ²¹⁶ CA Bn. (AA), Fort Bliss, Texas, has the privilege of preparing for the defense of his country at one of the finest and best army camps in the world. He is sheltered in comfortable barracks, gets plenty of good, wholesome food, and is issued suitable clothing. The finest teachers of Coast Artillery methods are his instructors and officers. In case of illness or injury the necessary medical and nursing care will be provided in our large station hospital with all its facilities. Nor is his social and recreational life forgotten. In fact, everything possible is done to insure his health and happiness.

Never before has the moral and spiritual welfare of the soldier received as much emphasis as in our present army. For the use of our regiment we have a beautiful, new chapel complete with organ and furnishings, in which Protestant, Catholic and Jewish services are held weekly, besides many special observances. Every opportunity is afforded this young man to be true to the faith of his fathers and to grow in grace and character. As his chaplain I want to be his true friend and helper to the extent of my ability.

If you could be present at "Mail Call" to see how eager the men are to hear from home, you would, I am sure, write even more often. When you write encourage him to look up his chaplain and to go to him for any advice or assistance he may need. Remind him to attend chapel services and obey his superiors and to arm himself with strength and valor as he goes out in defense of country and home. Above all else, pray that he may commit his heart and life to God who is able to save and protect. May he reward you for all the sacrifices you are making to insure the victory of a righteous cause.

We send you herewith our warmest personal greeting and covet your prayers that we may be the greatest possible help to the men of our regiment. If you care to write to us about anything, we shall do our best to answer or respond to your requests.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Dailey
James B. Dailey
~~Regimental~~ Chaplain
Battalion