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Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.,
30 April, 1919.

Captain George A. Holland,
366th Infantry,
United States Army.

My dear Captain:—

As you are about to be discharged from your commission as a Captain in the United States Army, I desire to extend to you an expression of appreciation of your work as an officer that I had an opportunity of observing while you were serving in the same regiment with me.

While in the attack on the morning of November 11th, I particularly observed the conduct of you and your company under fire, and when you with your company had been sent by the regimental commander to the support of my battalion in the attack.

Although without an adequate supply of wire cutters, your men showed their splendid training by working through the wire with absolute calmness and control, kicking the posts down with their feet, and flattening the wire with their rifles.

The memorable occasion of the armistice came while you were in contact with the enemy, and you will always remember the experience given to but few men, that of being at the absolute front when the enemy quit.

I extend to you my best wishes for a happy and successful life, and many years in which to enjoy it, and whatever your lot, or where ever you may be, believe me, sincerely your friend.

A. E. SAWKINS,
Major, 366th Infantry.

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