

## WAR IS OVER – A Letter From the Front

*Because Aunt Katherine Tidd – Marston was sentimental and saved everything, our family is lucky to have photographs and mementos – and some treasures like this letter that her brother Harry wrote home to her just a few days after The Great War was over.*

# ARMISTICE



France  
Sunday Evening 6:45

November 16, 1918

My dear Sister Katherine,

I will try to tell you what happened here the day the Armistice was signed just a week ago tomorrow - how the time does fly. I didn't have to work that day and another fellow (who works with me) and I went downtown. The first place we stopped was to get a shave and they told us it had been signed, but we kind of doubted it - but when we got downtown, oh joy I'll never forget it, the people were nearly crazy and you couldn't hear yourself speak. That afternoon we had a big parade here and the Kaiser's coffin\* took a very prominent part in it. We have a band here and believe me they sure had some parade. I wasn't in it as I don't parade any more. Of course that isn't saying I won't when I get back to the dear old U.S.A.

At night it was a wonderful night to walk or rather push your way through the streets everywhere was music and singing and parades of all kinds were going on. The next morning things took their usual course and everything was quiet.

I have tried to tell you about it but I have done a very poor job and you won't understand a bit what we did. I can tell you all about it when I get home which by the way I don't think it will be very long before I am there. Oh happy day when it does come. I don't receive my mail very good for some reason or other, but then I guess I manage to get one out of every three Mother sends, not at all bad is it?

Has Mother heard from Joe\*\* or Roy lately? I haven't and I have lost their addresses so I can't write to them although I would like to very much.

Well Sister I think I will close for I have done pretty well haven't I? I get pretty nervous as you can no doubt see by the writing. Write often and be a good girl and help Mother all you can till I get back home.

Lots of love to you all,

Harry

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\* Victory parades often represented the conquered party in effigy, this was not an actual coffin and Kaiser Wilhelm survived the war.

\*\* Harry had not yet heard of his brother Joe's death as of this writing.