

Remember when smoking was an OK thing to do?

In 1918 it may have been perfectly acceptable, but not in 2000, or even in 1981 when this card was first shared with *Bulletin* readers. It shows the ATC (A267) pattern of the American Tobacco Company used abroad on a censored card. It was mailed from APO 711 which was in Coetquidan, France. The reverse of the card carries a handwritten message dated France 4-22-18 and reading

"Dear Friend, I received your gift of tobacco and am thankful for it. You cannot imagine how much we appreciate the donations which the people in the States are giving to the men over here. I wish you the best of luck and am sure your kindness will never be forgotten. Yours truly, A soldier."

The reverse also carries a printed message stating that *"In acknowledging this gift, please bear in mind that it is against military regulations to mention the name or number of the unit to which you belong."*

The card is from the collection of Bob Schwerdt (505L).

