

IN ACTIVE SERVICE
Y. M. C. A.



somewhere in France
Mar- 8-1918

Dear Mother Father Brothers
Sisters.

Mama just received
your letter of Feb-10th

Yesterday, also one from
Alice and Florence of Feb-11-
14. It is always good news
when I get a letter from
home for when a person is
so far away he can always
feel good if he knows
everything is going well
there. Everything is fine with
me at this time. I have just
returned from town where
a few of us fellows have
been spending the evening

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together. Home was never
like this ha! You would
certainly laugh if you
could see the way I am
trying to write this letter.
Well the weather is pretty
cool at ~~an~~ night and to
keep warm while writing
I have my feet under the
covers on the bed, a board,
2 candles to see by, while
my back is nearly tired
out trying to sit up
straight. Ma ma you
will have to excuse
me for not writing

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hate, for we have
~~been~~ moving around
from one place to the
other, and have been here
from early in the morning
until late of a night, it
seemed it was impossible
to get any time to myself.
If there is any place in
France that this lunch
has not been, I would
like to know where it is.
The weather here seems
to be damp most of the
time, but the last few days

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~~last~~ missing

25,000 and when the truck drove them back they blowed up every building and left it in a complete ruins. This is only one instance that has happened out of this war. Believe me if you would hardly believe your eyes if you could be sure and see some of the things - I would like to tell you in this letter. I have talked to many of the boys who have been at the front line trenches, mama you and papa take it from me the American