



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

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Dear Mother Father Bros
Sisters.

This is the first opportunity this week I have had to write you. We have been awfully busy here.

I have your letter Sept 9th also Elizabeth's and today received the letter with the notice concerning my allotment and dependents. Mama it is too bad things will get piled up as they do. I mailed you a money order some time ago for \$4.50. I think the

allotment will come to you
regularly and I will attend
to this other business immedi-
ately and let you hear from
me. I was awful glad to
hear Bob got better and I hope
you all keep good health
in the family.

This was wash day for
me. This morning I washed
out my shirt, underclothing
etc. you can believe me
they needed it.

A persons clothes gets
mixed up with these.

French hoodies and gives
him an itchy sensation.

If you don't foil your
clothes and keep changing
them all the time they

potholes you to death scratching. Last night they certainly kept me awake. We have been having some exciting times on this front. The Germans have just recently been driven back and it has kept us busy keeping up with them. The country round about here is pretty well torn up. The roads were torn up from shell fire and the ground is covered with shell holes. The used to be towns are laid flat to the ground. The engineers have been using the rocks and stuff

from the buildings to fix
up the roads so the trucks
guns ammunition etc can
push ahead. a person can
wander around in this
country and see some
funny things. In the woods
big trees are cut and splin-
tered tore into by the bullets
Barb. wire entanglements
is so thick you can hard-
ly get through in places.

The Germans had their
dugouts and machine guns
nests on the ground we
are stopping now. Mama
you might wonder why
the Germans are going
back so fast, but if you



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could hear the guns once
pour out the bullets you
would understand very
easily. It has been pretty
cool at nights. we were
issued another blanket
yesterday and will get
more soon I think. The
Germans have been drop-
ping a few bombs around
here lately. The bugle gen-
erally blows attention when
there is any danger, and
every one is supposed to
find cover. We have a
large shell hole in front
of our tent. If it is me

essary to crawl out of the
tent, this hole makes a
pretty good protection
for us. Our food has been
pretty good, a good many
~~times~~ we will eat
a few meals, but make
up for it later. I saw
Lee Peterson a few days
ago, the first time in
a long while. He is still
in the truck co. a short
distance back from us.
I had a letter from
Aunt mealy about 2
weeks ago, and will
write her as soon as
possible. Willie has
never written me yet.

I am anxious to hear
from him, probably he
is training back of the
lines somewhere. Mamma
am mailing you a
Christmas coupon when
you send the package
above all a pair of gloves
and some candy, do not
forget about tobacco.
It is about time for
mum will have to
close. good news is
coming in about the
war, so I hope they
settle this matter soon
Onc about 7 letter the

other day and have
about 75 to answer yet
will write to Eliza and
Alice later. Hoping
to hear from you
soon and with love
and best wishes you all.
Your son
George.

W. Austin
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