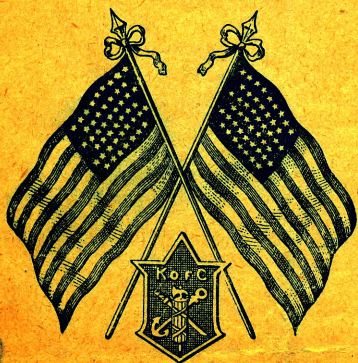


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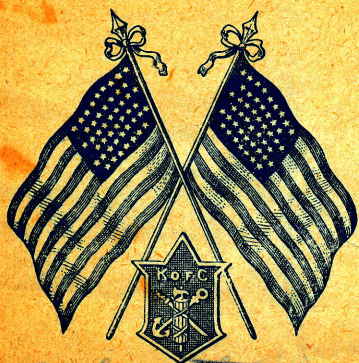
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Calvin Luyenbourg
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DATE *Nov-27-1918*

Dear Mother Father Bros
Sisters
Well mama at last
I will write you
a letter. I certainly feel
ashamed of myself for
it has been nearly 3
weeks since I wrote you
last. mama I have
been getting your mail
right along. I see
the pkg of (newspapers
and a few letters from
the kids. This war is
over at last. I know how
you all feel at home
and you can imagine
how I feel. We could
not celebrate much
over the affair, but the

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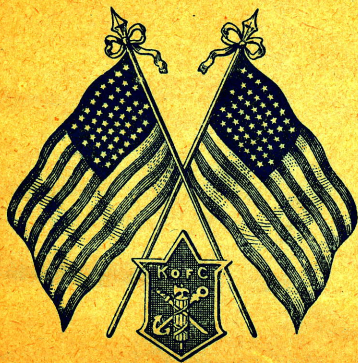
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celebration is big enough
when you are lucky
enough to come through
without a scratch, well
I have plenty of good
scratches. malaria did
you notice the above
address. The news has
just spread that the
conscription on letters is
no more so make
now I can tell you
a little about what
is going on and where
I am at. Our Div is
following up the Ger-
mans. We have been on
the go ever since the
armistice was signed.
We started at Harrisburg

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France, a small ferry
on the Verdun front
came clear across Bel-
gium, crossed the Lux-
embourg border and are
now about 15 miles from
the Luxembourg capital.
The Belgians were a
happy bunch. There was
and nothing was so
good for the soldiers
who were passing through
their country. The troops
were decorated with the
allied flags, and at the
entrance of nearly every
town where the Amer-
ican soldiers were coming in
the road was arched
with flags and flowers.

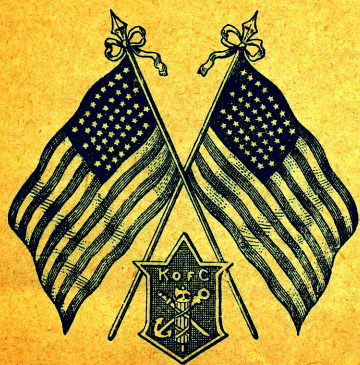
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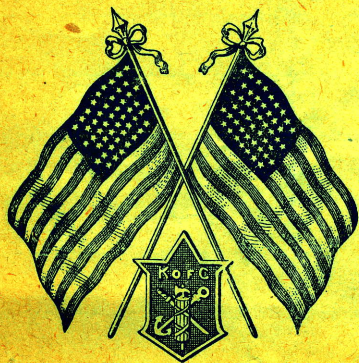


at times we would halt
on the roads and in
towns. The people would
invite the fellows in to
have coffee with them
and you could see
they were doing everything
to make the occasion
as welcome as possible.
We talked to quite a
few people and they
told us kinds of stories
how the German soldiers
would come around and
collect a certain percent
of the eggs and farm
products and of the fruit
etc. etc. we are at
Calvus this now and
will camp here for a

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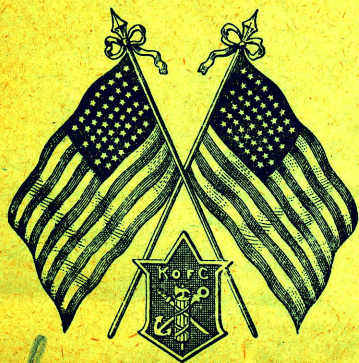
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stay for a few days, and
then continue the trip on
toward the River Rhine,
where we are going to
understand. They say we
will be stationed at Coblenz
Germany as occupation
troops for at least a
month. I hope it will
not be longer, for a
year over here has been
enough for me. In a
few days we will cross
the German border, and
be right among the river
banks. The people of
Luxembourg seem to take
things pretty nice so far.
They are Germans themselves
you might say.

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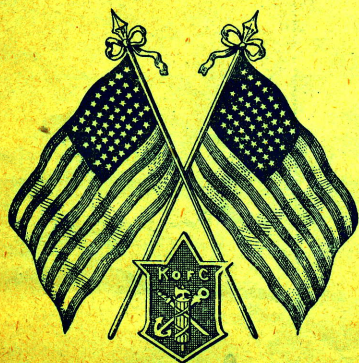


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The weather here has
been damp, and cool, we
are lucky to be staying
in Fialto where it is dry.
we haven't much to
do here, since the mail
equipment has been
cleaned up. But say how
slow the time goes, when
you know it is a matter
of weeks until until we
stage back home.
I hope this finds you
all in good health at
home, as for myself am
feeling tolerable. It
was too bad when
I met up with such
luck, who would have
thought it. she always

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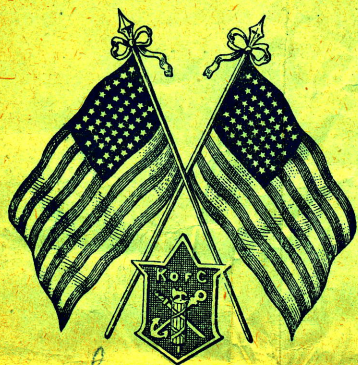
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seemed so strong & healthy
and full of life. Father's
day has just past, and
I didn't know it until now.
The stars & stripes urged
every soldier in the A.E.F.
to write to Father. I always
want papa to feel these
letters I write are as much
to him as they are to you and
the kids, but will send
just inches and send him
to him as a Father's day
remembrance. Mom & I
imagine hope is pretty
high now, and hope
you have rec. the allot
by this time, also the \$45
M.C.A. money order I
sent. I am not getting

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it here and if you are
not at it by now let
me know in every letter.
I wrote Willie a letter
some time ago, but as
yet have never heard
from him. He is not
to be in the occupation
troops and the chances
are he will be home
as soon as us. All
you can hear is, when
will we start back. Make
us will be among the
one million. I'm hoping
mama by the time you
rec - This letter we
should be at the end
of our trip and that
will be near Christ
over

