

Strasbourg Germany

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Dear Mother Father Bros + Sisters

I thought I would write you a few lines this afternoon, most all the fellows in the Co are on pass to Coblenz and the near by towns. which leaves only a few men in the Co. for duty. I have the guard today and probably will go on the next pass issued. The last time I wrote you mama we were at Altmahr but have since moved to this town just a few kil away. The trench mortar Battery were formally here but good luck hit em and they were sent homeward bound. Our Co is the only outfit in this town now and our Lieut has the whole say so. The people have certain orders they must follow from the Amer Army. we have three patrols which walk the streets night + day. The people up until recently were not allowed on the streets after 10 p.m. and are not allowed to hold any meetings or congregate in places. All families must have tacked

on the inside of the ²nd floor & door the names
and occupations of all persons living
in the house. If a German soldier is
caught in town or anyplace he is
arrested & tried. There is a great many
ex soldiers ^{here} who have been through the
war and discharged or run off.
Mama I rec a letter from Willie about
a week ago, he is about 40 mi from here.
When I get a pass I will go and see
him. He came over the same route
as us and passed through this town.
I wrote him a letter and told him where
we were at, so he might come over
if he got time. Why; if I had known
he was in the 5th Marines 2nd Div I
could have met him when we were on
the front. The 5th Marines passed right
by our place when we were on the Aragonne
and he was at St Mihiel when our Div
was on the same front. The latest talk
here is about going home. The rumor has
spread that we leave the 2nd of Feb.
but a great many dates have been set
and none have come true so a person
never knows.

The 26th Div which came over just before us is leaving I understand so by rights we should leave shortly after them. Most of the men are quartered in barracks, they are pretty swell, a few of us are staying up town in the hotels & houses. I have a pretty good room with a swell bed dresser etc as far as living is concerned it is pretty good but it sure gets monotonous just stick my over here. The weather has been pretty chilly lately and have been getting a little snow now & then. It gets pretty cold in this part of the country but the Germans who live here say this is the mildest winter in years. Mamma I have been rec your letters right along also have several from Elizabeth. I was certainly surprised to hear Alice & Edith were in bed with the Influenza and hope by now they are well. The M. J. Starob was full of talk about the Influenza in the U. S. but I didn't think much about it until I heard we had two cases at home. It certainly must be awful the way people are dying from it, a person must be careful

until it is stamped out. The xmas
pkg you sent has not reached here
yet, there is a great many who have
not rec theirs so I expect it is just
lost in transit somewhere. I rec G+B's
pkg it was a swell toy and have some
of the stuff yet. Are you still getting
the allotments, they should be coming
pretty reg now. There is little more to
write. I hope this finds you in good
health again mama also papa and
the kids. Sam must be some bouncer
but I am training to put on a 5 round
bout with him. so he had better look out
If you will send Grandma's address
I will write her, I lost all the addresses
which I was keeping. Cal to quarters has
flown. it is 9 P.M. will close now

with love to you all

Yours son
George

write soon