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Dear Mother Father Bros
+ Sisters:

Tonight I will write you a
few lines hoping you are all
in the best of health.

It is raining out so I will
not go out tonight. The weather
has been fine here, only for the
exception of rain, which we
have been having nearly every
day. They have been trapping us

busy the last two weeks parading.
We passed in review for the General
of the Div. a few days ago, this morn-
ing for the Brigade General, and
this afternoon for the Col., In a few
days Gen Pershing will look us
over and by then I hope we
will be ready to leave. Mama
I expect you have heard that
this Div. leaves in April some-
time, we are making preparat-
ions every day so when the time
does come we will part - too soon!
The Occupation troops are getting
equipped with Gasoline Tractors, which
will do away with the horses. Our
Co. has 8 of them so far, and expect
a few more in the next few days.
The German people were alarmed
at first; they thought it was rumoured,
that the Americans were going to
make a sweep through the country
with them. It wouldn't be so bad
to go on into Berlin and make
a good job of it. The people treat
us pretty good, they are always accom-
modating and polite, you wouldn't
think from the way they act that we

were enemies. ³ They must furnish
ish billets rooms + etc for the
soldiers, whether or not. If there
is a room not in use in the
house, take it and notify them
later. you know mama I am
getting to be a scotch Irish
English, French Dutchman.
A person soon picks up the
get by language, enough of it
to make him-self understood.
The German kids go up and
down the street ~~saw~~ ^{swearing} and
tunes, chewing gum and smoking
cigarettes, all over. Just give one

of this Germans⁴ some chocolate
or soap and they can't do
enough to pay you. I don't
believe there is ~~a~~ such a thing as
a wash board in Germany, inste-
ad they use a brush, and a
smooth board, no soap just
plain water. It seems the Germans
in this town are all getting married
lately. nearly every night a
big blow out is going on somewhere
They generally have a big dance
and all get drunk after the contract
is signed, its a good thing they
have a good time when they are
married, for as far as I can see

it is about the last, for how a
person can enjoy life in a berg
like this I can't see. Mama I
haven't been down to see Willie
yet. my pass is in but had to
go through military channels to
get it and has not come
back yet, It should be back most
any day now. I should like to
see him before we leave, for I
think he will have to remain
over here some time yet. The
men are getting 7 and 14 days
pass to France, a great many
have already gone. It is almost
impossible to get a pass to England
for only about 2 or 3 from the whole
Brigade are allowed to go at
a time. If my pass don't come
back soon I am going to take
about 7 days in France.
Mama I think I am getting
all your letters, but so far the
xmas box is kapoot. The paper
the other day mentioned about a
car load of xmas phgs turning
so mine no doubt helped keep the
fire going. Papa is pretty lucky
to get such a fine present with

I think he has earned it
even at that. There is little more
to write mamma. I hope you
are rec. all the allotments, are
they \$1.50 or \$2.50? They should be \$5.00
what's the matter with Joe; can't
he hold down a job. He had
better watch out for when I get
back he and I are going round
and round. If Tom comes home
tell him hello for I am right on
his heels. Well close now I must
chopiny you all the best

With love
Your son
George