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Dear Bro Joe,

I received your most welcome letter the other day and was glad to hear from you again. I am well and hope you all are when this letter reaches you. The school-master is O.K. only a little upset about the war.

Oh I had a great time the holidays, hauled hay every day for exercise, good stunt ain't it. Oh I always enjoy myself where ever I go, I'm that kind you know, look who I am...

So, you read my extract too who else read it? I thank you for praising it that way, I that

maybe you would make fun of it show it to those slackers cowards, hypocrites in the neighborhood and show them what side I am on, and see what side they are on. It was my duty, what does father and mother think of it. I heard from Dave about 2 weeks ago, and he was well. What did not like the people, poor fellow he never was away from home before. He'll get used to it, by and by.

Oh I didn't feel like coming home Xmas I thought I'd save my money for France, I'll be called now in a couple of weeks, and I'm sure I'll pass, almost certain of it too. Yes I suppose mother was a little worried and disappointed, but then what for, I'm in the U.S yet, I'll come home before

I leave for France, Ah she ain't  
so old yet. I've been away so long  
now I should think she'd be used  
to it, but then she is a mother  
and a mother's heart is very  
tender, and soft. Us menfolk  
can't imagine what a tender  
spot a woman's heart is, and  
we never will. If it had not  
been for me expecting my call  
I'd of come home, but so you see  
if I'd come home, and a call should  
come for me here, what would they  
do to me, to the pen, and then  
France, I look after my duty and  
honor a little too, ain't I right?

I'm glad to hear, Grace is such  
a help to her. It's her duty also. If  
she'd go on letting mother sorrow  
she'd be a slacker and unpatriotic  
you see it's her duty towards God  
her country, and her ~~betroued~~ sweet

heart.

Your girl? Why boy you ain't dry behind the ears yet, and then talk about girls, wait till you learn to understand them, as I do then you can talk about them. But I'm glad to hear she is a good girl, who is she?

We are having nice wheather out here, a little snow now and then a little cold now and then otherwise it is lovely, you say a blizzard, why you don't know what a blizzard is, tell you see one up here, that you have down there are just whirl winds, baby, ones at that.

I tell I didn't want them foot ball pants anyhow, glad you didn't get them, Yesh I can kid you, ha ha! Good bye masquerade eh I tell I went just the same

and had a jolly good time, Three  
Ford loads of us young folks went,  
got home at 4 bells, danced all  
night, War War, "What do you  
mean devilish trash, are you  
off your bean, you must be lo-  
coed, Where does the bible forbid  
people from dancing, Here is where  
you can get a argument from me,  
If you can show me where it says  
we shall not dance, I'll quit and  
right away too, get me, we'll don't  
get mad, Thanks for the nice  
Christmas present you sent me,  
Say I'm writing on another speech  
now, which will appear in a paper  
that goes over the whole state, just  
watch me, succeed in writing for  
the paper's, How is my girl get-  
ting along over there, you surely  
know who she is, don't you,  
Say you gave me a problem

some time ago to work. Did you  
work it right. Say here is one  
I had in exams today. Divide  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  of  $\frac{4}{5}$  of  $\frac{7}{8}$  of  $3\frac{3}{9}$  by  $\frac{5}{12}$  of  $\frac{3}{4}$   
of  $8\frac{8}{27}$ . work it out and see if you  
get the same answer as I do.  $\frac{16}{25}$ .

I'll never get my papers back  
to see if it is right or not. I'll only  
get my standings.

Still Love and regards to all  
Elmer

we are having  $30^{\circ}$  below today  
and a little snow whirling