

AMERICAN



At the front, in a trench.
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Dear Bro—

How are you this afternoon. This is supposed to be Sunday, but not in the trenches. Some life. (Just now a shell exploded about 1000 yds from my hut). They come along every now and then. Most of all we fear the gas shells. But so far none have come near me and I hope none ever will. But we must always be on the alert for them. War is hell all right Joe, but it also has its bright sides. A few yards away from this hut is a cherry tree in full bloom, but perhaps to-morrow it ^{may} be gone. So even amongst



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the trenches fruit trees are
flowers are in bloom and song
birds chirp away. They surely
bring joy and happiness and
then when the sun comes out
of it surely is fine, then when
you have God in your heart,
all is well. God is in my
heart and there he is going
to stay. Oh how glad I am
to be able to say that Joseph.
Ever hear from Elmer? I
can't imagine what is going
on within him to act as
he does. But wait until I
get home, I will tell him
something. Just leave him
alone and I think he will
come across.

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You say that Eva has not forgotten, you'll have to prove that old tops. I bet this afternoon she is out with her fellow. But just because I did such a thing, you shouldn't. Get me? When I come home I will guess I will have to teach you a thing or two.

I tell at your job I suppose. I stick to it, I am with you.

Say Joe if you haven't sent the films never mind. My camera is in safe keeping with a French family so I can't use them, not at least just now. I wish though I had it



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along. I sure could get some dandy (ones.) Remember I asked you to send me some Literary Digests some time ago. None have ever come, those Posts came, but that is all. ~~If~~ ~~it is~~ I wrote a letter to mother today asking her to send me some stuff. Put in some cookies Joe. You know the kind I like.

Write me about the happenings at home in your answer to this letter. Put it to the minutest detail.

I suppose you are doing your best to clean Chicago. I want to see old Chi. good and clean when I come home.

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I am praying for Billy Sunday
and the meetings.

Will be good till next
time.

Love to all, father,
mother, Walter and yourself.

Your loving brother
Dad.

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U. S. Marine Corps - A. E. F.