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December 12, 1917.

Dear brother Joe:-

Just a few lines to you this December night. There is a slight tinge of winter in the air, but it is not very cold. I guess though it will be colder. Let it come. I pulled through some pretty hot weather last summer so I am not afraid of winter. I suppose you are having pretty cold weather by this time.

I am well as usual and I hope and pray that I may continue the same. God is good, too good at times.

I haven't heard from home in two weeks now so I don't have much to write. Just think in two weeks we

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*of end me about 1000 in this camp
I am very sorry to hear
I hope you are well*

have to Christmas. I am
wondering what kind of a
Christmas mine will be. I
know it will not be like
the ones I am accustomed
to have, but I will make
the best of it. What say?

When you write, tell
me about Oak Park, the
Adriel Caspard what they
are doing. Send me the
church paper. You never
tell me what is happening
at home. If it wasn't for
father and Grace, I never
would know what is
going on at home. Now take
this for a bawling out as
you deserve it, see?

I hope you haven't made
up your mind to enlist

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as yet. Keep out until you
absolutely have to. Take
my advice old top.

Well, be good and don't
do anything I wouldn't.

Love to all of you,
Your brother,
Dare.

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