

Beverly Germany
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Dear Brother Joe: your most welcome letter of Dec was received and its contents duly read and wish to thank you for same. I sure was glad to hear from you again altho it was not so long ago that I received your last one. I am well at this writing and hope this finds you all the same. The weather over here is just simply grand. no snow yet, lots of rain, but the sun makes its appearance daily. Every thing is nice and green, which makes us feel better. It is rather cold tho freezes in the morning, but anyhow I wish they would take us home. The war has been over now over one month and if you were over here and saw us drilling you'd think it was not. We are doing exactly what we did when we were training, all the high bugs know now is "Militarism". Its got their goat. Honor is all they look for and us poor devils get it for them, and in return they drill the ass off us rain or shine mud or no mud. The German people sit back and laugh at them. They know we have to do it and that we don't want to. Here we fought like wildcats, and this is our reward. drill, drill, drill, three and one half hours in the forenoon oh I tell you Joe its hell. Its never expected it would be like this. While the fighting was going on, it was much worse, I did not say anything about it then for I wanted to keep you all in good humor, but the truth will come out when I come back. The Star Dept sure will see some brilliant things about their wonderful system, now remember I aint slaming the government only the Demourats. It will be a long time before they ever get in again. I still remember how we were treat during the drives and now. They'll open their eyes and their ears, I say "Give us Liberty or Death. Its worse than prisioners here now. Its a downright shame the way they treat us, in return for what we did and the name we made for them. Some of the boys say they have gone crazy I think so too. I may be mistaken. This may not pass the censor for it is telling the truth. I am not afraid to face any court-martial for telling the truth, and this is the honest truth, for which I can give proof, even from the non come. Its till I come home

I can say what I damn please. Glad to hear you got your discharge, and you're lucky you did not have to come over here and fight, I think they will have a hard time getting another army for war unless we get the good old Republicans in, I wish they were in, Skelson is a good man, fine man, but you know how the Republicans hold back their money, damn fools. He was told the occupation troops were not to drill over here, but it was soon changed. I tell Joe during the drives it was very difficult to get mail thru. He moved so much, but I am glad you heard from me since the armistice no doubt you were worried about me, and I don't blame you a bit, and you can now feel easy that I pulled thru, for no doubt when this gets to you you will have received a few from me for I write once a week home. I tell Joe Carl G. ain't the only yellow pup over there. They will hear from me. I'll tell them just what I think of them, you know I can do it. Yes I am in the 89th Div the one that has the best reputation over here, and we are in Germany. Don't know when I'll get home, I hope for Springs' work. Lao wants me real bad, (Katie's brother-in-law.) I know you'll all anxious to see me, but you'll appreciate my return more then, I know - Katie is patiently waiting, and I am to see her, poor girl she sure has had her troubles. Joe I'll tell you the truth, I am not married, but engaged to her, but it won't be long after my return before I do marry her. Let that rumour float, a rumour is a rumour. Read Pado's letter about that supposed trouble why they think I'm married, and keep it to yourself. I am enclosing some pictures and a postcard, I wrote to them and give them hell for not being able to read or write. Go after them. I value that suitcase and contents at \$25. I tell it is school time and must be there one time. (I'm teacher you know) so well close hoping this finds you all well. Love and regards to you all.

your loving brother
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