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Dear Folks:-

Just a few lines to let you know that I'm feeling fine and hope to continue so and hope that when this letter reaches you it finds you all well.

We are in about middle part of France now we are drilling every day but we live in nice warm comfortable barracks and get plenty of good eats.

There are many rumors around that we will be home for Christmas, I hope its true but I don't think it will come out so.

There is no telling when we will get home but it won't be long I can assure you that.

You know that everybody cannot come home at once, it takes time because there are so many over here and in due time this division will be sailing to God's country.

Of course we were about the second division over here and seen lots of severe fighting and it is a division that could be depended upon, and maybe you think that we ought to come home first but I don't think it would do to send home any of the "good divisions" until at least peace is declared.

Maybe you think that I don't want to come home, well I can tell you, I do, and am sore because we won't be the first

ones home; when I do come home
I'll be there day and night I don't
think I'll want to go out at all.

I read the paper the other day
"The Stars and Stripes" and it said
that the first divisions to go home
are the 76th, 30th and 27th.

Will you know Louis Kessler
is in the 27th division and
came over about last spring
I guess, and it looks as though
he was to beat me home.

I'm over here about six
months or so longer than him.

I wish him luck and hope
his wounded knee don't trouble
him any.

Did you receive the
Christmas slip I sent you?

I asked to be reduced to a
private and as soon as the

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order comes through I will be
a private again. I'll tell you
why when I get home.

Oh I forgot to tell you about
Thanksgiving that we had
the government couldn't give
us turkeys this year so we had
a good substitute here is the
bill of fare -

Roast Pig - Mashed Potatoes -
Pickles - Bread - Butter - Onions
Coffee - "Beer" - Cake - Prune Pie
Candy - Nuts.

Believe me we had some
fun we were filled up to
the gills.

We had also an entertainment.
The Brigadier General spoke
to us also, this was the best
day that we saw since last

Christmas.

Now we all hope to eat
our Christmas dinner at home.
I received four letters from
grandma in one day, one
from you and from Charlie.

I haven't written to him
for quite a while so we'll have
to drop him a letter.

I'll have to close now hoping
to hear from you soon.

Regards to everyone from
your loving son.

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