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November 21st / 77
Troop K. 8th U.S. Cavalry.
American Expeditionary
Forces in France.
New York N. Y. 4/5 P. M.

Dear Lora;

Your welcome letter recd.
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Yes I remember Doris Wright well, so she has a man from Squantum. ~~is he~~. That is a little jerk water place. a small summer resort.

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Tell her I thank her for the compliment, how did Clat like it? (I am talking about the picture)

If you have a picture of the kids or better still get a snapshot taken of you & Clat & the kids all in a bunch & send me one.

Syd. must be some boy, to let a fliover run away from him.

I am having a fine time over here. The French people treat us nice. It was also a nice trip across the atlantic. was not seasick at all.

I can't write much about what I am doing as it would only be cut out by the censor. But I will try and answer your letters the best way possible so let them come often as it is the only news I get from the States. Tell Doris to write too.

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