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Answer
Mrs. H. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Ave
Joliet, Ill.
Dear Folks:

Received your welcome letter yesterday. I was very glad to hear from you. Sorry to hear that Mother's finger was no better. My thumb is somewhat better, but not the foot. I'm sure it in a little boxing match, the doctor said that I had torn the ligaments loose from the flesh, but I think it will heal up in time.

Did you receive the fifteen dollars I sent in my last letter? I wish you would put it in the bank for me as I expect to send at least that much for the rest of the time I am in the army.

Our company is to be composed of the mount scouts of the regiment. I have been assigned a swell horse. We spend much of our time riding and taking care of our horses, teaching them to jump ditches and fences. It is very pleasant work and will be an exciting job when we get across.
You speak of Lawrence Meyer enlisting in the Ordnance Corps. I don't admire the branch of service that he entered but I suppose he couldn't get in anything better. I forgot to tell you before, that the day I left, Lawrence Meyer and some other fellows were on the same train going to Chicago to enlist in the signal corps, but you told me before that he was rejected.

I could have gotten a furlough to come home for Christmas if I had wanted it, but it would cost considerable & it was only a couple of months ago that I left so I didn't think it was worth while. Several of the boys here however, have gotten them.

Received a letter from Lawrence a few days ago & was very much surprised to hear from him. He bailed me out of not writing to him before, but I didn't know his address so couldn't write.
In regards to our division since his return General Bell had made some severe censure to the discipline of it. One of the censure was the uniform of the men, not being neat enough & not uniform, some with army leather, not two different styles of cap same have short others long tovere partnered. The government issues uniform clothing, but the men buy others have the needed clothing altered. Of course this cannot go on & there were some of the Generals grounds for censure that the whole division as being tightened down considerably as there is no other news I will close.

with love

[Signature]

P.S. I am sending extra films of mother's finger back in this letter.
Mrs. N. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet, Ill.
21518
[[underline]] 489.49 [[/underline]]
704.67
[[underline]] 150 [[/underline]]
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Wes

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