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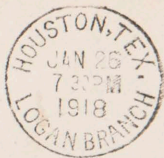
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Mr N Diedrich  
108 Glenwood av.  
Joliet Ill

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Jan 19 1918

Dear Folks:

Received your most welcome letters dated 17-24+28 of December all in a bunch but the more the merrier. They must have been held up somewhere in their trip over here. We are still in the town of Echternach but have changed boarding houses. The other driver and myself are now the guests of one of the richest families in town. We have a room with a private bath, electric light & all the comforts of home, not too bad when we look back to our abode a couple of months ago. Beside all these conveniences



& will send you one as soon as I get them so you can use them to help start a fire.

As far as our getting home is concerned our chances are very small, that is our getting home before spring or early summer. I guess we can stand it that long that is under present conditions.

Have you received any farther news about Ralph's outfit going home? If it isn't true write & tell me as I might be able to take a run over & see him if he is still over here as the second division is not over sixty miles from here & that is only about an hour's jaunt on the old wagon.

Well folks I will close

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[[Nick Dante 9/24/15]]

[Diedrich Correspondence #24]

[[Page 1-Envelope]]

[[image – red U.S. postage 2 cents stamp of  
President Washington facing left]]

[[image – green U.S. postage 1 cent stamp  
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[[image – black stamp HOUSTON, TEX.  
LOGAN BRANCH; center: JAN 26 730PM 1918]]

Mrs. N. Diedrich  
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[[Letterhead]]

[[image- Y.M.C.A. insignia;  
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