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Mrs. N. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Ave.
Joliet, Ill.
Dear Father and Mother:

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three times. Without the mask it would kill a man in about five seconds. I had my picture taken and will bring it up with me when I come.

In regards to my furlough, I don’t know when I will get it, but I am not particular, just so I get it before we leave. I will let you know when I get it.

We are having very warm weather down here lately and it is hard to imagine that it is cold up north.

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Answered 2-23-18
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Houston
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