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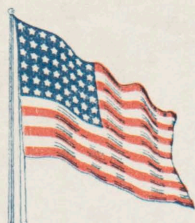
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WAR ACTIVITIES



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June 17, 1918

Dear Folks!

Just a few lines to let you know that I am well & a little nearer the line than ever.

We moved forward several days ago & are now pretty close to the front. We are living in dugouts for protection from shrapnel & we have them fixed up quite comfortable, not quite as good as 108 Glenwood but good enough under the present circumstances. The huns are shelling a town a short way from us, the shells shrieking over us now and again during the entire day & night. Last night they dropped a few just outside of our camp but did no harm. From a small hill near our camp we can see the battle front & at night it has any fireworks display I have ever seen, feat a mile.

Another thing we have to furnish us with amusement & excitement are the aerial duels that take place in the clouds above us. Just before dark last night a german plane came over the line & downed

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No further news I will close with love.

"Yes."

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J. C. Campbell

MT. W. Friedrich
Engin. U.S.A.

Soldier's Mail



Answered
7-2
Mrs W. Friedrich
108 Glenwood Av
Joliet Ill.

U. S. A.



✓ *[Signature]*

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Wesley Diedrich
Engrs. U.S.A.

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OFFICE S.W.J.; A 23 JU 18]]

Mrs. N. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet, Ill.
U.S.A.

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[[written diagonally across:]] Answered 7-7-18

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[[Image- Flying American Flag]]

[[image- K.O.C. insignia; blue shield with anchor, sword, and axe meeting]]

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