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AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Aug 14 ^{France} 1918

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I am sending you a little souvenir in the shape of a German shoulder strap, cut from a German's shoulder in a recent hop-over. I have some real souvenirs here, but we are allowed to send practically nothing home.

Tell folks it is getting dark & as no lights are allowed on account of ferry planes I will close, with love
Yr. et.

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