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**SOLDIERS
MAIL**



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O. R. P. F. C. F.

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Sept 2 1918

Dear Folks.

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In the last week we have traveled over a large portion of France & have passed through many of the largest cities. The section of the country that we are now in, is much more up-

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We just came in from a forty kilometer hike this morning & I am dead tired so write close with love.

"Yes"

Write often

W. E. P.

to-date than that which we left. But even this part is in a very primitive condition in comparison to any part of the states. Modern lighting & drainage systems are entirely unknown except in the largest cities.

The town in which we are now situated is many miles from the lines & out of range of all but the seventy mile gun. Occasionally we can see a flash on the horizon when they open up with some exceptionally large guns but it is so far away that we scarcely know that there is a war going on.

Have you interviewed any further news from Ralph? I have traveled behind a good portion of the front & have inquired

[[Nick Dante 10/1/15]]

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Pvt. W. Diedrich
Engineers.
U.S.A.

[[image- inverted red triangle;
American YMCA insignia]]

SOLDIERS
MAIL

[[image – black stamp, faded,
ARMY POSTAL SERVICE 6 PM SEP 4]]

[[heavily faded]]
Mrs. N. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet, Ill.
U.S.A.

[[image- faded red rectangular stamp
PASSED BY CENSOR No. 6703]]

O.K.P.E. Col.

[[written diagonally across:]] Answered 9-23-18

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[[Letterhead]]

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