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Dear Folks:

Received your letter of the 29th July a few days ago & was very glad to hear from you. We have been on the move for the last week & haven’t had a chance to write sooner. According to you letter you are not getting mail very regularly from me, but I write regularly every week & cannot account for the irregularity at your end of the line.

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-
about his regiment, but have not located him as yet. He says he is out of the hospital by now, but would like to know what has happened to the shell or bomb he heard. He says he has just come in from a party this morning. We are dead tired, so will close until to-morrow.

W. H. R.

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R. E. L.
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[[Page 1-Envelope]]

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

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American YMCA insignia]]  
MAIL  

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE 6 PM SEP 4]]

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

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PASSED BY CENSOR No. 6703 ]]

O.K.P.E. Col.  

[[written diagonally across:]] Answered 9-23-18
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-
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 and draining systems are entirely unknown except in the largest cities.

The town we are now billeted is many miles behind the lines & out of range of all but his seventy mile gun. Occasionally we can see a flash on the horizon when “jerry” opens 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 received any further news from Ralph. I have traveled [[one word]] a good Portion of the front & have enquired
about his regiment, but have not been able to locate him. Suppose he is out of the hospital by now, but would like to know what hit him, rifle bullet, shell, or bomb & how bad he was hurt. We just came in from a forty kilometer hike this morning & I am dead tired so will close with love.

“Wes.”

Write often.

O.K.
P.E. Col.