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Nick Heidrick
Glenwood Ave.
Joliet
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U.S.A.
My dear Dick:

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that I had the good fortune to see your boy today, don't know his name, but the one that was not wounded, and am happy to tell you that he surely looks very fine and in the best of health, also is quite happy. Unfortunately I was on my way back from having delivered a truck load of supplies to his division, and did not have as large a variety or quantity of cakes and sweets as I usually have on my way out and I surely will make it my business to have them send me over that way again, and will go prepared and see that he and his friend Gleason also of Poland, get a goodly supply of things they like. You no doubt remember my telling you that if I ever got near your boys I would make every effort to see them, and as long as I am anywhere near them I will go out of my way to talk to them and see that they do not want for anything I can furnish them. I usually drive a passenger car, but today the fellow that drives one of our trucks, was unable to make the trip, and when I heard it went to the 33rd division, I begged them to let me drive it, and say it was the first time in my life that I had ever driven a big 5 ton truck, but I took the chance and got there and back O.K. and how glad I was that I had ever had a chance to see you. I will try and write again and again, and hope my health and strength...
holds out so I can serve as many of "Our Boys" as possible, and I trust
I will have the pleasure of seeing your other son also, and both of them
often, and trust the Good Lord will bring them both safely home to
you. Give my best regards to the fellows at the club, and try to remember
tell the five points of Bridge, as I never see a card ever here, and would
not have time to play if I did, so probably will forget how to play.
I have been up to the front quite close several times, been under shell
fire 3 times, and slept all night in a dugout with the guns
roaring and the shells flying, and so far I am O.K.

With Best Wishes and kind regards I am,

Yours Very Truly,

Geo. B. Thorow
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Answered 11-26-18
My Dear Nick: -

It gives me great pleasure to advise you that I had the good fortune to see your boy today, don’t know his name, but the one that was not wounded, and a, happy to tell you that he surely looks very fine and in the best of health, also is quite happy. Unfortunately I was on my way back from delivering a truck load of supplies to his division, and did not have as large a variety or quantity of smokes and sweets as I usually have on my way out and I surely will make it my business to have them send me over that way again, and will go prepared, and see that he and his friend Gleason, also of Joliet, get a goodly supply of things they like. You no doubt remember my telling you that if I ever got near your boy I would make every effort to see him, and as long as I am anywhere near them I will go out of my way to talk to them and see that they do not want for anything I can furnish them. I usually drive a passenger car, but today the fellow that drives out of our trucks, was unable to make the trip, and when I heard it went to the 33rd division, I begged them to let me drive it, and say it was the first time in my life that I had ever driven a big 5 ton truck but I took the chance and got there and back O.K. and am glad I went. I am working like H--- over here, and hope my health and strength
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