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Mrs. N. Biedrich
Angels
7-15-18

AMERICAN



SOLDIERS

MAIL

Answer

Mrs. N. Biedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Poliet Ill.



AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Nov 1 1918

Dear Folks:-

Received your most welcome letter dated first + tenth of last month in the last few days. I am well + hope this reaches you the same. We are located in very comfortable quarters at present, viz. a small french village several miles behind the lines. The chateau in which we are quartered is of the old french style, very roomy + with a large fireplace in each room. There is something about the entire town as

In your letter you wrote you seem to be under the impression that we get a weekly allowance of candy but I assure you that none of us have seen any of it yet.

If my plans hold I will probably go on a leave in about a week to some back area place where I can get rid of my stock of cooties which is quite abundant & who show a decided affection for me. Of course it is a terrible case of misplaced affection but you can imagine that they are not the pleasantest things in the world to

there is not a single building touched by shells & most of the surrounding villages are down to the ground.

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Well folks as I am getting
near the end of this sheet
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Yes.

Give my love to Lawrence
Alta & the kids.

[[Nick Dante 10/7/15]]

[Diedrich Correspondence #50]

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Pvt. W. Diedrich
Engrs.
U.S.A.

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SOLDIERS
MAIL

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Mrs. N. Diedrich
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PASSED CENSOR]]

[[written diagonally:]] Answered

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