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Diedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet Ill.
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,
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 cookies which is quite abundant and 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.

There is not a single building touched by shells and most of the surrounding villages are down to the ground. I met a YMCA man from Joliet the other day and he barely treated me with a cigar, cigarette and a few dainties. He said that he knew you well and played bridge with you at the club. He formerly worked at the West Music Company and if you know of any more prospective YMCA men you want to tell them to keep an eye open for me as the are good men to know.
have crawling around you all the time punctuated with an occasional bite.

The weather here is still fine but getting very crampy and we have had a very heavy frost every night that freezes water to the depth of about a half an inch. If it just stays this way for the next couple of weeks I will be more than satisfied.

Well folks as I am getting near the end of this sheet of paper I will close with love.

Yrs.

Give my love to Lawrence, Alta & The Kids.
Pvt. W. Diedrich
Engrs.
U.S.A.

Mrs. N. Diedrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet, Ill.

Answered
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Triangle; American YMCA insignia

WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Nov. 1st

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