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Mrs. N. Dredrick
108 Glenwood St.
Joliet Ill.
Dear Folks:

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When the regiment started its march into Germany I was back at the repair shop having my machine repaired as the result of a smash-up and told you about it in my last. When I got the machine out I had a hard time finding my regiment which had a week start on me. At last I found them in a town about ten kilometers from Luxembourg city. Since then we have moved...
a few miles each day + have left Luxembourg quite a distance behind.

The people here are the most hospitable that we have found since we have left the states + the German I learned at high school is surely standing me in good stead. At present we are living with some German people, thanks to my slight knowledge of the German language, + we have a feather bed to sleep in. They want hear of us eating out regular meals + insist on us having our meals with them + the old Frau is some cook. By staying with them my German vocabulary
is constantly increasing and now I can carry on an ordinary conversation in German with very little difficulty.

The city of Luxembourg is very much like a city of the same size in the States, that is, everything is more modern than those in France. The people also do not look foreign but dress and look like Americans.

I see by the papers that the second division is somewhere in this locality but as yet I have been unable to locate them.

Well folks as there is no other news I will close with love

War
P.S. I am sending you the road map that I used during the war on our last section. I have been in practically every town shown, and we have stayed in several of them. And also sending you a sketch of the road I took in coming up here. Some of the roads had mud over a foot deep in places as it was raining rain and had been for two weeks before I started so you can imagine it was not easy to graft.
Pvt. W. Diedrich
Engrs.
U.S.A.

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