

Chapman University

Chapman University Digital Commons

Wesley F. Diedrich First World War
Correspondence Collection

CAWL Archives: First World War

12-26-1918

1918-12-26, Wesley to Family

Wesley F. Diedrich

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/wfdiedrich_collection

Recommended Citation

Diedrich, Wesley F., "1918-12-26, Wesley to Family" (1918). *Wesley F. Diedrich First World War Correspondence Collection*. 52.

https://digitalcommons.chapman.edu/wfdiedrich_collection/52

This Letter is brought to you for free and open access by the CAWL Archives: First World War at Chapman University Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Wesley F. Diedrich First World War Correspondence Collection by an authorized administrator of Chapman University Digital Commons. For more information, please contact laughtin@chapman.edu.

1918-12-26, Wesley to Family

Keywords

U.S.A., U.S. Postal Service, Stamp, Washington, George, President Washington, U.S. Soldiers, correspondence, Western Front, military occupation, motorcycle, dispatch rider, Germany, Luxembourg, YMCA, Mother, Father, engineering, funds, Medernach, gift, Christmas, food, Germany, billet, landscape, comradery, cold weather

Identifier

2014.160.w.r_ Diedrich _worldwarone_1918-12-26_054

AMERICAN

Y.M.C.A.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Luxembourg Dec²⁶ 1918

Dear Folks:-

Just a few lines to let you know that I am well & hope this finds you the same. I received your package for which I sent you the coupon, day before yesterday & it surely was fine. I didn't think you could get so much in so small a package, but anyway it was just what I wanted.

We had a good time yesterday considering the circumstances & I guess it will do till we get home. Our dinner was pretty fair including roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing,

apple pie & coffee; a pretty good feed
for over here, but nothing compared
to what I will have next Christmas.

We are settled in a small
town about five miles from the
german border & in the heart of
a very scenic country. We are
surrounded by hills covered with
tall fir trees & the roads leading
out of the town wind up the
hills on the sides of deep ravines
& valleys with large overhanging
boulders on the hill side of the
road. The name of the town is
Medonach & while on that subject
I wish you would find out the
name of the town where Ralphs
regiment is, and if it is anywhere
around here I may be able to

AMERICAN

Y.M.C.A.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

191

look him up.

We are having our usual weather only now it alternates with rain & snow instead of rain every day as before. It never gets very cold however, seldom below the freezing point & that helps out a whole lot as I suppose you are having pretty cold weather back in the states by this time.

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

Wes



ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

191

as we do not get from the government & refuses a cent of pay for it. She bawls the tar out of me if I am not dressed warm enough when I go out on a trip with the machine & takes about the same interest in me as she would if I were her son.

I see by your letter that Ralph's regiment has been ordered back to the states. The rest of his division is not over fifty miles from

here & I had intended to take
a run up to Coblenz to
see him at the first oppor-
tunity, but if he is on his
way back it won't do much
good.

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

Yes.

P.S. As soon as we get paid
I will have my picture
taken & send you one.
Write often

NAME

N. Diedrich

A. R. C.

Engineers



U. S. A.

A. E. F.

Soldiers Mail

Answered



1918

Mrs N. Diedrich

108 Glenwood Av
Joliet, Ill.





"THE COLORS"



Mrs N. Dietrich
108 Glenwood Av.
Joliet Ill

W F Friedrich
Hdg Co
108 Engro

[[Nick Dante 10/13/15]]

[Diedrich Correspondence #54]

[[Page 1-Envelope 1]]

SOLDIERS MAIL

[[text: NAME]] W. Diedrich
Engineers.
U.S.A.

[[image- A.R.C.
red cross
A.E.F. insignia]]

[[image –smudged black stamp,
U.S.A. DEC 26 1PM]]

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

[[image- faded purple circle stamp
A.E.F. PASSED AS CENSORED]]

[[Illegible signature of commanding officer]]

[[written across:]] Answered

[[Page 2-Envelope 2- Front]]

[[image - Red YMCA emblem stamp;
inverted triangle; WITH THE COLORS]]

[[image – green U.S. postage 1 cent stamp
of President Washington facing left]]

[[image – red U.S. postage 2 cents stamps
of President Washington facing left]]

[[image- American flag stamp]]

[[image– black stamp MINEOLA, N.Y.;
center: JAN 3 230pm 1919]]

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

[[Page 3-Envelope 2- Back]]

W. F. Diedrich
Hdg. Co.
108 Engrs

[[Page 4-Letter 1]]

[[Letterhead]]

[[image- inverted red
Triangle; American YMCA insignia]]

[[text: ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES]]

Luxembourg Dec. 26 [[text: 191]] 8

Dear Folks:-

Just a few lines to let you know
that I am well & hope this finds you
the same. I received your package
for which I sent you the coupon,
day before yesterday & it surely was
fine. I didn't think you could get
so much in so small a package,
but anyway it was just what I
wanted.

We had a good time yesterday
considering the circumstances
& I guess it will do till we get
home. Our dinner was pretty
fair including roast pork,
mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing,

[[Page 5-Letter 1]]

apple pie & coffee, a pretty good feed for over here, but nothing compared to what I will have next Christmas.

We are billeted in a small town about five miles from the german border & in the heart of a very scenic country. We are surrounded by hills covered with fall fir trees & the roads leading out of the town wind up the hills on the sides of deep ravines & valleys with large overhanging boulders on the hill side of the road. The name of the town is Medernach & while on that subject I wish you would find out the name of the town where Ralph's regiment is, and if it is anywhere around here I may be able to

[[Page 6-Letter 1]]

[[Letterhead]]

[[image- inverted red
Triangle; American YMCA insignia]]

[[text: ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES]]

[[text: 191]]

look him up.

We are having our usual weather
only now it alternates with rain
& snow instead of rain every day
as before. It never gets very cold
however seldom below the freezing
point & that helps out a whole
lot as I suppose you are having
pretty cold weather back in the
states by this time.

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

[[Page 7-Letter 2]]

[[Letterhead]]

[[image- inverted red
Triangle; American YMCA insignia]]

[[text: ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES]]

[[text: 191]]

as we do not get from the
government & refuses a cent
of pay for it. She balls the
tar of out of me if I am not
dressed warm enough when
I go out on a trip with the
machine & takes about the
same interest in me as she
would if I were her son.

I see by your letter that
Ralph regiment has been
ordered back to the states.
The rest if his division
is not over fifty miles from

[[Page 8-Letter 2]]

Here & I had intended to take
a run up to Coblenz to
see him at the first oppor-
tunity, but if he is on his
way back it won't so much
good.

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

Wes.

P.S. As soon as we get paid
I will have my picture
taken & send you one.
Write often.