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H.F. Diedrich  
108 Engle  
U.S.A.

*Answered*



*Folder*

Mrs. H. Diedrich

108 Glenwood Ave

Forest Hill

U.S.A.



*[Handwritten signature]*



Echternach Luxembourg

Feb. 24, 1919

Dear Folks:-

Received your most welcome letter the 30<sup>th</sup> & was sorry to hear that mother was having trouble with her arm, but trust that she is all right again & am well & still living in luxury in Echternach.

I received the box you sent me this morning & it was surely fine & had given up hope of ever seeing it, but when it came is more than made up for the long wait. It arrived in good shape & the chocolate was a real treat.

At last we have received definite information as to when we are to go home. A bulletin was published yesterday with the sailing dates of all divisions going home before June first. The thirty third is scheduled to sail for home in May, which means that we



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About an hour ago I was talking to a fellow from the second engineers & he said that they were billeted in a town, I have forgotten the name, just outside of Coblenz. He said they had fine quarters & were not having a half bad time.



From what I hear I understand that we will have to go through the same routine of inspections, clothing, ordnance & physical, that we did for about the two preceding months to our coming overseas & they are starting <sup>them</sup> tomorrow with an inspection of clothing & equipment. I suppose that from now on we will have some sort of inspection or examination about every other day. The only consolation is that every one we go through is one step nearer to our home coming.

Well folks I will have to close & get busy cleaning up my rifle & equipment so will close with love

Wes.



[[Nick Dante 10/13/15]]

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SOLDIERS MAIL

W. F. Diedrich  
108 Engrs.  
U.S.A.

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ON U.S. ARMY POSTAL  
SERVICE 930PM FEB 28]]

Mrs. N. Diedrich  
108 Glenwood Av.  
Joliet, Ill  
U.S.A.

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A.E.F. PASSED AS CENSORED]]

[[Illegible signature of commanding officer]]

[[written across:]] Answered

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