



"Somewhere in
ON ACTIVE SERVICE Belgium"
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

4th. A.E.F. letter.

Nov. 3 1918.

Dear Mother :-

I have a thousand regrets now, that I did not write oftener. The constant stream of letters from home have contrasted severely, with the few that I have had time to write. But - - - you must take time to consider that the men in all the branches of the services do not have an equal opportunity or chance to write. For instance; - the infantry men have mighty hard going, while on the front; but they come back for a "rest", and then have "beaucoup" opportunity to write. On the other hand, we are on the "go" all the time. The Quartermaster Corps men have a lot of time to themselves; they can write oftener also. The moves that we are making, complicates the sending and receiving of mail, as you probably, can readily understand.

So much for excuses. I will not stop to excuse my penmanship, for I am sitting on the floor, and writing on a pane of glass, "Somewhere in Belgium". I have traveled many miles with a comrade, whose

name, strangely enough, is Black. The company
 was loaded on several different trains as
 they left France, and became separated for
 a few days. The English Railroadmen are very
 obliging, and we rode many places white
 on the way here, in order to see the famous
 ruins. So much for that; the censor would
 hardly permit me to mention several famous
 ruins which I have seen within the last
 week.

The country we are now in is not over-
 run and debasted as much as that around
 the old lines. You see, we are very far
 inside to old German lines now, and they
 had to retreat so fast that they had time
 to do but little mischief. Where we have
 been, showed the destruction caused by
 four years constant struggle. What a waste
 of land! It will never be fit for any thing.

I hear from Phil; Cleveland, and my
 home friends regularly. I will have to repeat
 the excuse in my letters to them! Best luck
 to Abe; it is a surprise to hear that father
 registered! of course he is exempt.

My love; I will write again soon, - if -
 I can.
 More affectionately than ever,
 Chick - o

Liked since receiving letter of Oct. 5th,
yesterday.

To date: -

I have received so far your 10th letter.
I was very glad to get Alice's pictures and
that of Bessie and the Curwens. I had
no idea the Curwens' eyes were in such a
serious condition. But now that she is
again getting her school work O.K., I guess
it is alright.

Mary told me all about the loss of
the U.S. Navy. But she got some O.K.
so what's the difference? Mary is very, very
patriotic; she surely must be very political
with her school children with her Liberty
forwards.

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