Dear Bro.,

Well and your letter I received to day was glad to hear from you but sorry to learn you all had been sick.

You gave several names of persons at home but fail to say where they were. sick as David I understand that John B. Williams & Walter marriner at both dead most of time.

Well Carl guess you all come proof to learn when we had finished Jury our thing was going your way while the tide came, my division was fighting like hell in a place where the Germans had already lost five hundred thousand men, alone not count what the French
what you had reference to but I hope it isn't not so. real
Johnson was telling me about Tom and Walter being dead
we haven't any of that kind of disease in our regiment that I know of about all we
have is colds & cooties but I have seen in Paris where Some
Deminers have it and also noticed where they come being in England with it. I hope they will soon stop it
back in the States
as I was speaking about I have a cold but no cootie you don't get those only when you are in the trenches or
have last 27 were around
Duch massa still one of
the Game yard of Europe
a place where many French
men had sworn that
they should not pass
unless you retrieve about
the recent paper reports of
1914, about city of The
and a place where
you can read about in
paper you pick up
now and that is under
as in one of the most towns
up towns in all Europe
yard at the foot of the
Hill where over five thousand
Frenchmen are buried side
by side and as I went on
over the hills I came to the
Main part of the field where
there is not a living tree not
even the roots except grass
which have come up over
the last year or so and
remember it was a forest
before the war, there is stills
arms and barb wire and all
kind of war instruments and
the worst of all is the men
living around that have
that is what is on top of the ground but a large part of it is down under
the ground. I went to a good show over there the other day. Perhaps one
hundred just more. The day we took over the front was the first day in
four years that they failed to shell it but they made up for it. The
next two days and about the battle fields that is the most terrible sights
in the world. I will never be able to explain how it looks for it is
impossible after the amendment. I took a walk out over the battle ground
which is cut about one mile from the town. The Germans have been
there for four years and they have fought back and fourth over the
Hills time after time about the first
thing I saw was a French Grave.
they were buried you can hardly step without stepping on skeletons and grave the shells have blown some that have been buried out of the ground and you can walk along in the trenches and see them sticking out from the edge of the trenches some of the boys found one whole skeleton and stood him up and put on his arms and boots and pants on and left him standing up just like he was some yards some nights.

This month for they talk about all my Pay now. I write and tell me how much you get monthly, and about my horse, if you can't get any thing you want to do I think it would be a good idea to sell it if you put it to some expense to you all. I know, but you can do as you please. Use your own judgment about it. Say I want you to send me Autumn's address, Mama. Smit it to me before the amnesties but I was in
to see well as I have wrote more about that than I ought to. Well speak of something else we are moving down in southern France now got to take one hundred and thirty miles some like isn’t it? So it is not bad now for we are coming home before long and we don’t know it at all don’t know just when we will come but I understand the first army come back first and we are in it. got a letter from Clyde yesterday said he was well but had just got out of the hospital and was on his way back to his company I think Jerry shot him in the legs he said he was slightly wounded in the leg drive. don’t think he was in the hospital long for he is back with his company now will car you speak about my almost we ought to get one
Bussines this and last it I want you to write to others and give them my address and tell them to write to me. I have something for them. I think we will be back in the States by January and make before Christmas. I hope so any way it is some cold over here now it snowed some the other night will Carl give you any tell me anything and all the rest that have boy in our outfit that they are all O.K. I saw them all since we quit fighting.

Well as I have wrote about our stuff I sure thought of I was all close excuse this writing for we have neither to write on but our time and in a boy at that and read soon and a long letter I have got your letters from same address as before

M. F. Benson

...to write
and they all were they came some
ting to tell what they got some blaming
me I think sure one have somwhere
It was some sight to see the boys com"g
in from the right nearly every one
had a gimmie helmet this or someth
on their back just as much as they could
Navigate with one company has got
a German machine gun and one
company has got a burrow as
what we call a your ass back in
E. C. the Germans used it as a
Pack carrier before we got it in
will you send something about
my girls being homesome and they
Plenty of soldiers back there for them
now I thought our girl in the
whole country had them. one
I would have wanted to them
but I haven't had time to a.
Mr. J. P. Person

Jayetteville

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