

France

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Dear Bro -

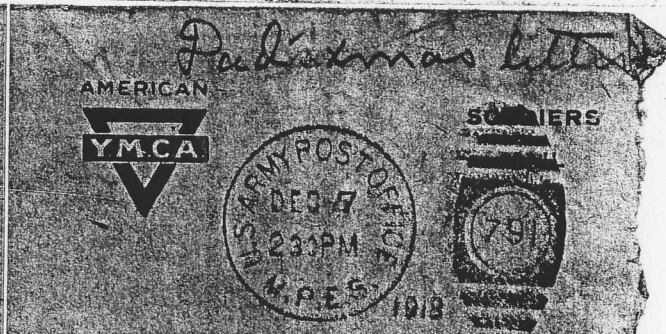
well and your letter

I received to day was
glad to hear from you
but sorry to hear you all
had been sick.

You gave several names
of persons at home but
fail to say where they were
sick or dead. I understood
that Tom B Williams &
Walter Manners are both
dead must of been

slip on a bunk where
some infected one have
been.

With Carl guess you
all were proud to learn
when we had finished
my err thing was going
our way when the end
came. my division was
fighting like hell. in
a place where the Germans
had already lost five hundred
thousand men. alone not
counting what the French
carried off
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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 & croup, but
I have seen in Papers where some
Divisions have it and also
noticed where they have been
dying in England with it. I
hope they will soon stop it
back in the States.

as I was speaking about
about us having cold & croup
I have a cold but no croup
you don't get them only when
you are in the trenches or

have lost w^t were around
Dead mans Hill one of
the Grave yards of Europe
a Place where every French
Man had sworn that
They should not Pass
Guess you remember about
the news Paper reports of
1914, about "City of The
dead" and a Place where
you can read about in
our Paper you Pick up
now and that is Verdun.
as is one of the most terror
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 crows
which have come up in
the last year or so and
Remember it was a forest
before the war. there is shells
bombs and barb wire and all
kind of war instruments and
the worst of all is the men
lying around that have

that is what is ³⁵ on top of the ground
but a large part of it is down under
the ground & went to a good show-
over there the other day Perhaps one
hundred feet under. 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 horrible sights
in the world & well never be
able to explain how it looks for it is
impossible after the armistice I took
a walk out over the Battle ground
which is out about one mile from
the town the Germans have been
there for four years and they have
fought back and forth over the
Hills time after time about the first
thing I saw was a french grave

never run/around you can
hardly step with out stepping
on skeletons and bones
the shells have blown some
that have been hurled
out of the ground and you
can walk along in the
trenches and see them jut
sticking out from the edge
of the trenches some of the boys
found one whole skeleton and
stood him up and put a
gun in his arms and boots
and pants on and left him
standing up just like you
was on guard. some right

our month' for they took
about all my pay for it
write and tell me how much
you get monthly, and about
my horse, if you cant get
any thing for him to do
I think it would be a
good idea to sell him for
he is 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 Otis & Floyds address. Mama
sent it to me before the
amistice but I was in

to see well as I have write 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
isnt it? no it is not bad now
for we are coming home. before long
and we dont mind it at all
dont know just when we will come
but I understand the first army
come back first and we are in
it. I 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 big drive. I dont think he
was in the Hospital long for he
is back with his company now
well cant you speak about my
abstinent you ought to ^{have} got one

Business there and last it
I want you to write to Otto
and give him my address and
tell him to write to me I have
something for him. 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. Well Carl
you can tell Mr Amnell
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 thing I am
thought of I will close
excuse this writing for
we have nothing to write
on but our time and
in a bar at that
and real soon and
a long letter I have got
your letters from same
address as before

M. D. Carson
will join to write

and they are all well they have some
thing to tell when they get home believe
me I think sure one have something

It was some sight to see the Boys coming
in from the fight nearly every one
Had a German helmet and something
on their back just as much as they could
navigate with. one company has got
a German machine gun and our
company have got a Burrow as
what we call a Jack ass back in
N.C. the Germans used it as a
Pack carrier before we got it in
well you said something about
my girls being lonesome and they
Plenty of Soldiers back there for them
Now I thought our Girl in the
whole country had them one.

I would have wrote to them
but I haven't had time yet Ha.

Mr B. Person

AMERICAN

YMCA



SOLDIERS



Mr J P Person

Jayetteville

