

Francee, Oct. 23 - 18

Dear Sister & Family:-

I received your letter of Sept. 10 several days ago thought I had better answer it. I am always glad to hear from any of the folks but haven't got any mail for the last week or ten days suppose they will all come in a bunch. I am feeling fine most all the time we are having some ~~rainy~~ weather now think this must be the rainy season over here. We are moving around quite a bit. The place where we are now is real good in fact it is the best place we have been lately. There is seventeen of us in one barracks have good bunks straw ticks and a heating stove in the middle of the room benches & boxes for chairs and canoles for lights or I think we are

very well fixed to be in the Army
in France. Mother said in her last
letter that Bertude and French was
living at the Stewart place and glad
that they made up their mind to
stay close to the Folks at home for
a while. Bertude was telling me that
the roads were finished but didn't say
anything about getting her car. I think
that she is rather afraid to drive on
these crooked roads. How is Novella
getting along in school? guess she is
getting use to it by now. I would like
mighty well to see both of the
children. I have the first card picture
of them that you sent home last winter.
How is it that Sidney didn't have to
go in the Army? do Edwitt getting all
the work he can do now?
What do you think of the war now?
It looks as though we won't have to
stay over here so awful long.
France is alright and there is some
pretty country but not as many pretty
girls as I expected to see but I would
much rather make my home back
in the good old U.S.A. It is almost
bed time so will ring off for this time
Sincerely,
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