

Mayer, Germany
Dec. 21 - 1918

Dear Stella -

I just received your letter of 11/25 and you don't know how glad I am to get a letter like that for I tell you it gets rather lonely here some-times when a fellow can't understand this stutsh talk. The people here have been mighty good to us boys of course it is understood that they want to get all they can out of us while we are here. Last night was the first time I have slept in a real bed since I have been on this side of the pond and when I went into the room I didn't know whether to take my clothes off and go to bed or jump in with them on HA! After I get back and tell you a few things that has happened you will understand.

There is a good many Red Cross nurses in town now and I tell you it seems good to go along the street and have an American girl speak to you. There was one month that we didn't hardly know what it was to see a woman of any type.

you asked me when I thought I would
be back. Well that is a very hard thing
to say we can hear every-thing about going
back but to tell the truth we don't know
anything about it I am living in suspension.
I really don't think that we will make any
move in that direction until after peace
is signed and God only knows when
that will be. I will never forget the day
and time when the last shot was fired
for three days and nights it had been
a continuous roar of guns until the hour
came for the last night then every-thing
was quite until the commenced shelling
of the mines that the Germans had
laid and had to tell where they were.

I wish I could get some picture of some
of the places along the Meuse & Metz
front when I have been and along the
river running through the Aizer forest but
haven't seen any of them. I guess you people
will see them in the movies before we do.
I didn't expect to get out of France as soon
as we did we were only two days from
the time we started until we were in Germany
of course we had been on the soil that they
took from France in 1914 for a long time
but what I meant was Germany its self.

well I hope that you have been getting
 more of my letters lately then you did for
 a while I have been able to tell you more
 in the last few letters. I sure would like
 to have heard and seen what was going
 on in the States on November 12th. but I
 sure would have felt bad if I hadn't
 got to come over here. I think I will know
 what it is to have a good frame and to be
 with people that I can talk to and know.
 You were speaking about Tomas well I
 don't know yet what we are going to
 have for dinner but I do know that I
 will have to get dinner for five hundred
 men that stay or ~~stay~~ for five hundred
 be a very busy to do for me but will
 have the afternoon to myself and I
 am sure I won't forget the folks at
 home and the girl I left behind altho
 they won't receive any Tomas presents
 from me but I won't forget them when
 I get home.

I just got a letter from Gidd today saying
 that one of the Robbins boys from Cabdale
 had been killed over here and the two
 Chris boys had been wounded was very
 sorry to hear that but of course it is to
 be expected. I think my self very lucky
 to pass through so far with out a

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scratch although it look mighty dark at
times especially when one of these big S. C.
Cano would drop just a little way off and
would shake the earth and then you would
wonder when the next one was going to land
but I am glad these days are over.

I will tell you what we are with perhaps
you may see something in the paper or you will
know more about when I will be home then I do.
We are in the Fourth Army Corps but in the
Third Army there is less divisions in this
branch but am not supposed to tell what ones
but they are some of the elite ones in Germany.
We also are in the Army of Occupation
and for that reason we may be some-time
before we get back but lets hope not.

Am glad to know that your girls are getting along
so well at dancing and hope that you don't
happen to any bad luck. I know that it is
bad when there is so much drinking going on
and willing off for this time as it is getting late and
I have to get up at four thirty in the morning.

Your old Friend,
Walter.

P.S. Dec 22. Sunday night just received my Elmas
package and sure was glad to get something from
home again. I think the knife and match box is
fine and they come in handy for as it happened
I had smother. I thank you ^{girls} very much and
and will remember you when I get back.
I get something for you the other day but
thought I would wait and try it for sending
it is so uncertain from here. Perhaps it wont be so

Long before I get back. M.D.