



Letter #76

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Mogendorf, Germany

April 11, 1919

Dear Folks,

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Well first of all I hope this letter will find you all well and in the best of health. For myself I can say that I am feeling fine. Your letter sure put some pep in me as I was getting discouraged from not hearing from you and how you were getting along.

In my letter yesterday I told you I had my name put in for a two day pass to Coblenz and that I was going to try and get two days extra. Well I asked and was told that the two days were given me because of the Jewish Holidays. The orderly was told to ask me if I wanted to go, but the way he asked me I thought anybody would go, but it is only for those of the Jewish faith.

This morning we had a couple of hours instruction in the different knots to use in fixing a telephone line or rather a broken wire. After that we hiked for about an hour.

Weather is rotten and we had rain all night and most of this morning.

Now I am going to reread your letter and answer your questions and also ask questions.

The first thing I see in your letter is that you received my letter dated March 3. I sure am glad to hear that you get news from me. I suppose you have received a good many more letters from me sent from Trier, but I do not get any of your mail. I wrote very often while in the hospital and sent some post cards and a photo in one letter. I hope you have received them already.

You say Ma and Leo are out of bed already. What was wrong with Ma? I did not know that they were sick. Tell them to take things easy. Tell Leo to be careful not to catch cold as a cold after the Flu is dangerous and develops into pneumonia. I have seen a great many cases of the Flu while in the hospital and know something about it.

I am very sorry to hear that business is bad, but am glad to hear that the weather is fine as it ought to help business along.

You say you met a soldier from my outfit or rather from the band. I am not sure who it is but I will try and find out who has left the band. I hope he visits you as he could tell you a great many interesting things. You say you believe that there are a great many boys from Madison in the 18th Inf. I only know of one and he is in my Section.

You are anxious for me to receive your letter of Jan. 17, I have not receive it yet but may sometime in the future. You do not tell me what was in the letter, but according to the next few lines I figure out there was a money order in it. Now I have told you a good many times not to send me any money and I am going to tell you so again and hope I will not have to tell your again. I see it was Ma's fault that you sent it, but you should have let her grumble and not sent it. By your letters I see you have no money to send me and also you need it while I don't. I hope



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Here is where your letter just about ends so I will close my letter also. With love and kisses to all I remain as ever your loving and affectionate son,

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Hdq. Co. 18th Inf.  
American E.F.



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