

Coblentz, Germany -

July 27-19

My dear "Little Mother" and Dad,
it seems as if you
cant get a letter from me so I will
cable you tomorrow to let you know I
am well and alive -

I can't understand what the trouble
is for I get Joyce's letters and yours
too, and Joyce seems to get the most
of mine -

I haven't had a letter from her
in about two weeks but I guess she
is alright or I would get a cable.

I am at present in a hospital for
duty - Evacuation Hosp. 27, Coblentz
Germany, and will be here for at
least three more months.

I have cabled Joyce to come on over if she can get passports and we will at least have the satisfaction of seeing each other every day then, even if I can't see you all.

I am disgusted, for I want to come home, but I reckon everything is for the best, so I will try to keep my mouth shut and just work.

I am getting on fine and like Germany better every day.

The people are good to us and in the main are very meek and humble so that we don't have any trouble at all with them.

Dad, I am glad you took a trip and I am happy that the Republic people have at last recognized you

good work.

Listen Dad, tell me something of what you have done with the business in the two years you have been working it, wont you?

Do you really think you will move to Birmingham? I hope you do, for I think the change will be a good thing.

Mother if you dont take good care of yourself I will certainly spank you when I get home.

Listen Dad - you know Mr. Carroll at Cottonwood dont you? well please make it convenient to see him and tell him that I wrote you that I believed they were going to keep Charlie over here for they need field clerks in some

of these hospitals - I will explain
why I request this when I see you
again.

We are working to get a permanent
lodge established over here and an
Eastern star chapter started -

I have attended lodge meetings
in Coblenz and it does a fellow
good to go, for that is the nearest
like church we are able to get
apparently, and I get pretty hungry
to hear a good sermon occasionally.

I think one of yours, Dad, would
be just about what I need - something
forceful and strong - nothing but
"straight goods" and no beating
around the bush "lolly-pop" stuff.

I had quite an examination to get
in this lodge, for it was Rhode Island

work and I took mine in Maryland
but I got by with colors still flying!

I wish I could have you all over
here with me, and Dad, if you
do move to Birmingham you and
mother take a while off and run
over here and I will show you the
battlefields and training areas
where our men trained and fought.
Can't you do that? It wouldn't
take long and you both would
enjoy the trip immensely.

If you will come I will meet
you in Brest France and pilot
you around and bring you to
Germany with me.

I can speak German now
alright but I couldn't make heads or

tails out of French.

Dr. Chaddon is up here. a
Lieut. Colonel now, but I guess
he will be going home before
very long, as all reserve corps men
will have to be out of the service
by the last of September.

Mother, I am obliged for sending
me the details of the big fight
but you neglected to tell me that
Willard was knocked down 6 times
in the first round and lost 5
teeth in the "ruckus". and I too
am glad he lost.

I am still keenly interested in
boxing over here, and I just
recently beat the best heavy-weight
in the 3rd division by making

him quit in the first round.

I haven't any scars or false teeth as souvenirs and I have fought about 50 times over here - some of the best men in the ring too, and I haven't been licked yet.

I fought a light-heavy who fought for the A. E. F. Championship over here - a 4 round go in which I bested him on points - that was one of my best fights - but my C. O. now won't let me fight - just I got here and found three ex-professional fighters and tried to get a fight but the C. O. said no officers were going to box if he knew it or they would get in trouble.

I haven't got much to do, but I

manage somehow to fill up my
time visiting around among my
friends, for there are two other
fellows here who have been
with me over a year.

Well, I am going to quit for
tonight' but please write me a nice
long letter telling me all the news
and plan for this trip over here

With a world of love and a
million kisses I am as ever
your devoted son
Arthur