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Sunday P.m. Somewhere In France

Dear Aunt:

You must welcome letter come a few days ago was glad indeed to hear from you all, but was so sorry to hear about Buddie's death it struck me so hard almost as hard as did the piece of shrapnel that struck and wounded me Friday the twenty sixth. All of you have my deepest sympathy.

Griel was wounded the same time I was only his is a little serious and mine is very slight, but I am sure he is getting along nicely to say don't worry about us for we will soon be over this and right after them again-

all of you cheer up and wear a smile for I'm a little hero now. I got two (2) of the rascals and finished killing a wounded one with my bayonet that might have gotten well had I not finished him, I'm only going to claim or give my self credit for two that I made hollow "mercy Comrade mercy". But I want to tell you I couldn't be satisfied at killing them, how could I have mercy on such low lived rascals as they are. why I just couldn't kill them dead enough it didn't seem like. believe me it was some fun as well as exciting. now I'm sorry I didn't get to kill one for each of you perhaps I can get some next time.

The first one I got was for mamma and the other one was for myself for the treats they have given this old boy since I left home

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Listen I want you to put two stars by my picture, two mark on the wall and write it down in the old account Book where it will not get destroyed or be forgotten.
We all must say this much in behalf of the Red Cross an organization that should always be helped so that it can keep going & doing.
just as soon as we were wounded and could get back to the first aid station we received the best of attention and we were given chocolates hot chocolate and bread, Oh my but the good it did us hungry fellows, and how much we appreciated it cannot be told in us few lines.

all that is given to the Red Cross is going for a good cause and you all can help us win this old war by helping the Red Cross. just a minute they are having services here at the Y.M.C.A. and right at this minute they are singing the old song "Glory hala lu" you bet it sounds good and reminds me of last year at Oak Grove.

The negroes are taking a part in the fight too, at least one sitting across the table from me now says they are. we are mixed up here with them eating side by side at the mess tables, so long as they stay in their place and help us fight it suits me. We get good eating here at the Hospital had a piece of Cake ~~too~~ today at noon for mess what do you think about that, fine eh thats what I say. If I stay here very long I'll get fat as a pig

The Fourteenth was a French holiday and you bet they celebrated and drank their wine I saw a French General pin twenty four balges on some of their brave lads and he gave every one of them a kiss on each cheek and sent them off fo with a smile while the band played for them. Well I have seen a portion or the suberbs of Paris and now I want to tell you that it is some place and it doesn't hardly show the affects of four years of war Oh but it is some lovely looking place with all its good looking French girls that love to give us American soldiers a world wide smile and a kiss that will always be remembered. Before I came to this place it was as hard

to find an American girl as it was to find a sniper in no mans land. but here theres all kinds of good looking nurses and plenty of them too

Let me tell you I saw a small patch of corn a few days ago the first I seen since I left the States.

It was just for an ornament I think for these people dont know what corn is. Tell all of the people around there about us, and that we are getting along very well. write us soon. Love to all.

Lovingly
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