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Somewhere in France

Miss Tinie Ruple
Farmersville, Ala.

My dear Aunt Tinie & Family:-

Yes your letter came yesterday, And you can't imagine how very glad I was to hear from you all again, And how much I did appreciate your's and Brenda's letter. But was very sorry to hear that Grandma, and Aunt Polly were not well, I do hope they will be up again soon or at least be better. This leaves us all well and getting along fine for which I am truly thankfull for our second returne from the trenches.

Everything seems to be earlier there than it does here. Scenes of spring are just coming enough to be noticed except the wheat, rye, oats and grass. Plant as much of everything as you can raise because it is going to be needed so bad. Wish I was back there to help raise something in the way of food. Guess I would be of great service in that way if I was back there now. Yes I see you are awfully smart the country needs a few more like you. Where do you suppose I was Easter? Well I can't tell you if you don't guess. But wish that I could. This country would alright if it wasn't for the hateful old

Boche. They ought to be put beneath the sod, the last one of them, for such cruelty, just think of people working milch cows and milking them too. Children going to school with a gas mask hung by their side, in order that the poisoned air from the Boche may not harm them and the whole mass of people wearing wooden shoes. Of course they all have a pair of good shoes and they have good clothes too. For special purposes.

Oh! no I have not been to Jerusalem yet, but would like mighty well to go there. Tell Uncle Calloway he just ought to be here to help

the boys drink beer, wine
Champane, coniac and
lots of other diffrent drinks.
I have my first to
drink yet, and that's not
all I'm not going to
Oh! yes I did have a
drink of grape juice
yesterday for the first
time since I left the
States, It doesn't contain
any alcohol you know.
so it want hurt me.
I saw Foster this morning
and he ask me about
you Uncle. Hes all O.K.
Hey listen Aunt Lorena
I have something else
to do now. besides catching
frogs and lizards C.