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Dear Folks,

This letter is the most thankful one I hope that I ever shall write for since my last letter to you all I have entered very recently captured German Territory & have seen the real ruination & destruction of these wretched towns have been fired not a house left standing & even some starys I've saw with our own eyes have been ransacked vaults torn open & the guns & jewelry taken from the inside of the coffins & of the unfortunate civilians who occupied the coffins. We then knowed up to the line & after holding the near

rabbits only faster, so you see we are alive & kicking. The news is so good that I don't believe I'll go over again. I hope not. We are now a good distance back & I think I'll have a rest for awhile. Jerry is sure on the run & isn't nearly finished yet. So Dear Folks I feel as if I had a new lease on Life. Probly see Johnnie's people & have a chat & read letter. Also send this to whoever may be interested. Give them all my best.

Now folks here's a good hard squeeze & kisses all round. Give my love to Leon & my "the kids" & remember me purely to Doc & also regards to Mr. Fay & Mr. Demos. With all my love,
 H. E. Hyde
 your son
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 Amer. Exp. Force

on Earth. (Barman never had
a look in. Hairbreadth escapes
were a common occurrence &
every misbro't forth a joking
remark & a few pet names for
Jerry. I'll tell you the rest
later on. Just at present, moment
I'm writing this sitting on one
box & paper on another while
within sight is a railway
train running thro' Terrore.

A pet cootie, just interrupted
me. They certainly are very
impressive & persistent.
Johnnie Middleton's my chum
& then we take a bite of choc-
olate - we've just purchased from
the J.M.C. Co. But from the time
we started going over "Johnny
& I kept together jumping in
& out shell holes like jack-

support trenches for two days
we pulled the biggest stunt
ever & went over the top at
5:30 a.m. on the 29th of Sept.
Sunday. We are between Cam-
brai & St. Quentin (read the
reports in the newspaper so
I guess it's O.K. to write it) &
here we attacked the strongest
part of the Hindenburg Line
with Australians on following
close on us, the Germans on the
left (they came up late however &
if we had given way we'd have been
wiped out.) We had a flank
position to hold & at the same
time advance. We did. We went
over laughing with rifles slung
& not one held back. The ar-
tillery barrage was a wonderful
sight & it was the Greatest Show