



much better - but I can bet its  
going to take a good long  
time to muster all you "boy"  
out - Hope President

Wilson will carry out my  
suggestions & let you poor  
boys that have had part in  
the actual fighting come on  
home & put the fresh



boys in to do the re-  
construction work or what-  
ever is left to be done -  
The friend who would listen  
to me - will be sorry if  
he don't, as I have lots of  
suggestions that I like to  
make that I'm sure he'd  
be glad to get - However  
I intend to say low -

Mother always said  
she'd let me go to France  
when all the danger  
was over, so if you  
can find me a job  
just let me know and  
over I'll come - Some-  
how France don't seem



near as far away  
as it used to, so if  
you're sure they are  
not going to shoot  
any more guns &  
there isn't any more  
danger, why I really  
would like to come  
& help get you boys  
home - I think some  
times I'll get together



a crowd of girls & bring  
them over to help pilot  
you "Mascals" by those French  
girls, who are lots more  
dangerous than any German  
guys; now Dick do it you  
really think you'll need a  
body guard & do it you

think I'd make a nice  
one - you certainly ought to  
know cause goodness knows  
I stood by you one whole  
summer. I did I? - Believe  
me those French girls are  
going to keep all of your  
boys over there they can  
and I think for the

benefit of the American  
girls I'll start a club,  
or society called the  
"Miss Patches Benefit Society"  
& send representatives to get  
you all back safe & sound.  
Would you be good & come  
back home with me if  
I'd come after you?



Ever since "day best"  
this town has been  
wild with excitement  
and the fourth of July  
would seem like  
Sunday to the racket  
& noise New Town  
has produced this  
day - which to me  
is the best day  
that ever happened -  
and Dick, I have decided  
what I wanted for

with the Kaiser - I wait  
him and all his (Hellish)  
gang put in a sausage grinder  
& ground up alive into  
sausage meat & then I wait  
the German people, who have  
been on his side mixed in, &  
the whole pile made into sausage  
balls & passed around to every  
German citizen, who must



Eat at least one ball  
of ice which will mean  
certain death to the whole  
crowd as they will be worse  
tho more deadly than rank  
poison - If Wilson consults  
me about it that's what I'll  
tell him to do - Make every  
Yowan get a real taste  
of their once adored Pelur  
& see how deadly he was -  
Oh that's fool talk but I  
really think it's hard to say  
what their punishment should  
be -

Dick I hate to tell you  
boys bad news who have been  
in the midst of so many  
honors - but I started not  
to tell you at all cause I

Don't like to write sad  
news to a soldier  
boy ever - just the  
same I think you would  
feel bad if I didn't tell  
you that three weeks  
ago tonight I lost my  
dear sister - Lucy - she  
died in a weeks time  
of that horrible Influenza  
Phenomena - Oh Dick I



us all so horrible I can't  
tell you what we have  
suffered - Poor John Parker  
is nearly crazy & mother's heart  
is completely broken - I think  
she would like a letter from  
you - Lucy was married  
just eleven months to the  
day she died & was only  
23 years of age - So young &



happy - It all seems too horrible  
to be true - But Gods will  
be done - though I cant exactly  
see why right now.

Aunt Pattie & Bessie were  
side by side - this morning in  
church giving thanks - that God  
had spared their loved ones -  
Bessie was beaming &  
Aunt Pattie so happy -

Mother joins me in  
just lots of love & I wished  
you <sup>would</sup> write me real often  
as Im sure there are still  
lots of interesting things  
going on over there.  
Remember me to all  
my friends in 113<sup>th</sup>, with lots  
of love - aywoods.  
Probably as ever -  
Ellen - "L".



Sir

R. D. D.



113<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery

Battery

American Exp. Forces

Via New York



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