



On Active Service
American
WITH THE ~~BRITISH~~
EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Somewhere in France

Aug. 7, 1918.

Dear Mother:

*Just a few lines to let
you know that I arrived here safely
& had a nice trip.*

*This is a fine country
& although it is much different than
England & I like it over here very much.
The weather over here is much better, also
as it rained every day we were in England.
Of course we were only in England a few
days & perhaps we would have had better
weather had we staid there longer.*

*I ran across some of my old
friends in my old machine gun company
to-day & it seemed good to see them,
although it would have seemed much*

letter if I had seen them in the U.S.A.
They were all well & enjoying themselves.

We have a lot of fun over the
money they use over here as well as we
did while we were in England both of
which is considerably different than our
own. The money system they use here is as
follows: 5 centimes equal to our 1 cent

10	"	"	"	"	2	"
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25	"	"	"	"	5	"
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50	"	"	"	"	10	"
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1 franc	"	"	"	"	17 1/2	"
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5	"	"	"	"	87 1/2	"
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We soon get used to this but it sure
seems funny after using our own so long.

Another peculiar & interesting
feature here is to see the large number
of women doing mens work. They are
used nearly exclusively on the railroads,
in the factories & even on the boats. This
of course is due to the fact that it will
liberate just so many more men to go to war.



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About the only men we see here at all without uniforms are those past 70 yrs. of age. This of course is a much different condition than is existing in America at the present time.

The time of day here is also very different than in America it being about 7 hrs. earlier here. In other words when it is 7 o'clock in America it is only 12 o'clock here.

We are rather unsettled at the present time but in a few days we will no doubt get down to business once more.

Will write you again in a few days. Remember me to all my friends & write when you get a chance.

Love - Charlie

Quigman

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