

"FRESNES"
FRANCE.
-DEC. 16. 1918.-

Dear Essie:

How is the "Red Cross Nurse"
that was some picture I received.

How what do you think of this piece
of cloth? I found it at "Larida" a "German
Camp" in the "Bogdas" General "Bungala".

Do you think you could use it as

a "Mantle Cover." You realize I am not
an "Interior Decorator" but just a "Savoir
la guerre" hunter.

Hoping to see your needle work around
Dedger when I get home which I think
will be from 3 to 6 months now.

Waiting patiently to go home.
S. C.

Somewhere in France.
Nov. 7, 1918.

O.K.
C.H. Knowles
Dear Capt. 1st Lieut. Eng'r

Brooklyn 43827. Yes please.

Hello is Essie in. Oh! that you ha! Well
how are you I bet fine and dandy and
enjoying this nice Indian summer, also
sleeping out of the way of Spanish Influenza.
I have just received a letter from
Brother Dick, he is fine as silk.
Enclosed I found a picture of his mbs with
a nice little Brunette mustache on. I
would like to see the same. But he
has nothing of yours truly. Essie how
would you think or imagine I would look
with my mustache, a nice little black
one, heavy on the little, well yes I keep
it trimmed you know ha ha.
Where am I, that is a thing I

would like to tell you anyway. I am some ^{where}
about ~~a~~ hour walk from "Kien". The village
[D---] where General Ludendorff had
his headquarters while in command of
this sector. But now ~~finis~~ Ludendorff ~~as~~
Americans are the proud possessors of
his little bungalow on the hill. One
of the boys slept in his nice mahogany bed
for a few nights until one of our Generals
took up his headquarters here. It is not much
of a place now, it is all close to the ground,
there are about two or three houses half standing
yet. Even the Church, a Bosche Catholic Church
by the way, is just completely demolished.
On our first day here, I went into the Church
the altar all over the the Sacristy. I found
a large pile of everything in the bottom I
found the vestments, robes, cloaks, practically
everything with the exception of a chalice
that a Priest could use in the celebration
of Mass. But you know arranging is not
given either aid or an advance is to
be made, ^{almost} everything, aid left, that is
not an absolute necessity therefore the
[Souvies.]

Nearly every day we have a few leval
contests, and a large amount of Auto Air Craft
shelling, every five minutes or so you can
hear the big baby's talking to one another.
But there's just now on the front are

quilt. He ~~spoke~~ down pretty soon though.

I will tell you of our first experience under
shell-fire, well I cannot say that as
we have all been there before, but the
Coas a whole. He were all in our dugout
taking and raising, the dugout in general
preparing for fire in fact I just had
my feet under the blankets, when
w-h-r-v. bang over ~~head~~ of us goes one of
Kennis shells. Well you should see the
crowd loop around one another. Then
another shell, some ran for the dugout
and all for their "in hat and Ear Muffs".
In all 2 shells fell behind and beside of
us. the nearest probably 4 or 500 yds. We
are expecting some more "thens flare fan" jumps
Zennis pretty soon. I mean a large of
course they are all ways sending em over, but
not so uncomfortably close. But I guess we will
duck em. Hope so.

Shall Essie give my best regards to Husband
Mrs Mrs Elligitt also may. Hoping are well and
happy and that you will be good and write to. Yell.

† Neil Sullivan.
C.G. 23d Engrs.
A.E.F. FRANCE.



U.S. Airs. Mail.



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To
Essie
Egan
Med

GERMAN
POWDER BAG
155 ^{gms}

OCT. 25. 1918.

A.E.
Wood's on St. M.

10 cm M 74

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