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Every soldier of this, the 35th division, has pledged to give at least 1 franc (about 20¢), to be distributed among the "poor" of France, as his Christmas celebration.

On ~~sight~~ ^{my} way back to the front this evening was a Yankee lying in the breach of a huge gun polishing the rifles there in. Her name is "Reinne Elizabeth" and her sister gun is named "Joan of Arch". They were firing at noon. The concussion was so great that you could see the side of our kitchen wall push in from the pressure.

Am enclosing the metal top from a Cognac bottle. It is a French liquor used very much. So strong that it will eat the varnish off of the table. Cannot say as to the effect on ones stomach, but has a powerful winding ability on ones head. Can truthfully say, I am drinking only beer and champagne.

I close to night feeling fine after my little hike this afternoon. Thinking such a walk I would do me good daily.

Yours truly, Good Night.
Mike