

Dec 28. 1744.

Dear Father.

I am now getting a little time off
so I will drop you a few lines to
let you know I getting along fine.
Well I guess you are wondering why
I don't answer or say anything
about the letters you have written me,
well the mail did not catch up
with me for quite some time
know.

Well I guess you had a merry
Christmas and a happy new year,
before you get this letter I guess
you was expecting me home for
Christmas well I am sorry I had
to disappoint you so.

I am going to send you some money
that we use in France and I will
send you some paper, I mean news
papers that you can read in case
you don't know where I am at,

well I am somewhere in France
on the.

But don't worry
about me because I am getting along
fine I am getting plenty of beer and
shnaps. HA.HA. I really think it lucky
by knowing how to speak a little

well I am going to close for
this time so have's hoping to
hear from you soon.

With Love
Bennil.