

“Somewhere Over There.”

LETTER FROM WALT CAUDILL

The following letter from Walter Caudill written just before he sailed for France has been received by his sister Mrs Artie Joines

Dear Sis and Norman - Arrived here this afternoon and I am feeling fine. We sure had a nice trip, hope you are well, One fellow jumped off the [grain] guess [oak] did not want [??] to Long Island.

Do you know if ??? has gone across yet? Dont be surprised if you hear I have sailed, a fellow can't tell what they will do, but if things don't change I won't be in America a month longer. Artie I don't want you to worry about we boys; I feel we will be taken care of, if we are right. However I dont want you to worry but take life easy; if we never get back we die fighting for our people and country, and I am able to fight; I feel good over it, don't you? If we get back we will have something to be proud of, and not like some I could mention, I am ashamed of some of them. A captain said to me last night he thought it was the greatest thing out to be a trained soldier and he could not see why anyone wanted to miss it I feel just that way about it.

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