



1917

Dear Mom and Dad,

So being over here at war with Germany is not fun. Especially being in stinky trenches, which are dug out ditches. The weapons we are using a machineguns, which are high power, fast shooting guns. We are also using hand grenades, which can destroy a small trench. The men at night have to look over no mans land, which is the area between trenches. I must wear a gas mask during the mustard gas attacks. We used airplanes to fight in the air. While we were in the trenches we would get trench foot that would eat away at the skin of the foot. It was nasty. We were in combat for quite some time. Soldiers would suffer from shellshock. They had to open psych hospitals for the soldiers. So that's all from me see you soon, maybe.

Love, Callie







How Did The United States Become Involved In a War Far Away?

When WWI broke out across Europe, our President, Woodrow Wilson, proclaimed the United States would remain neutral. Many Americans supported this policy of nonintervention.

Public opinion about neutrality began to change after the reporting of two events. The sinking of a British ocean liner by a German U-boat in 1915 was recently reported to the American public. With more than 2,000 perishing, including 128 Americans was news that brought attention to the conflict. This was followed with a report of the Zimmerman telegram intercepted by our government. The telegram outlined a proposal by Germany to Mexico to form an alliance. Germany wanted Mexico to attack the United States in exchange for granting lands lost to America back to Mexico.



This is Sammy
speaking on behalf of the
Little Flower Buzz signing
off



Turning Point

Well, this was news the American public could not ignore. Wilson has asked Congress for a declaration of war against Germany. The U.S. has officially entered the war yesterday, April 6, 1917. The U.S. had tried desperately to stay neutral. Ties to Britain, propaganda, and the unrestricted submarine warfare responsible for sinking the Lusitania have prevented this position. Ultimately the Zimmerman telegram is what has convinced both the American public and government to become involved in the war to end all wars.

President Wilson has touted this change of policy necessary in order to make the world safe for democracy.

This organization proudly reports to the public our support of this decision.