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July 5. 1918

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the small articles & bring them back with me, but the ~~larger~~ things I will have to scrap as they would be too much to carry around.

No further news I will close with love

Yes

Write often.

with the sunny France you read about.

I was on guard last night 4th & I think I saw the prettiest fourth of July celebration that I have ever seen in my life. The guns were flashing at the front & the star shells & shrapnel bursting in the air, with red lights & flames burning as far as the eye could reach. The noise also was terrific.

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