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Neufchâteau, Vosges, France.

June 11, 1918.

My dear Father:-

The new censor rules permit of as much as the above now so I understand. I am trying it out on you to see how it works. The first is the town. The second is the county or state. It is larger than the former and much smaller than the latter. They call them Departments over here.

Well I am glad that my postals came through finally. I hope you can keep them without too great inconvenience. They are especially valuable to me now as the Third Offensive of the Germans this spring was right over much of that ground. Where I spent February and March is now all in German hands. I follow the reports with especial interest for I have a mental picture of so much that is being fought over just now.

The country over here is very pretty these days. Crops are all coming well. I should say we were a couple of weeks ahead of

Illinois as I remember our section of the same. We have been having sunny France with a vengeance for the last month. It began almost to be serious. Nearly all of us have had slight dust colds. Nice showers the last two nights have improved things considerably.

I got a letter from Frank Cleveland this last week. We are quite a ways apart but shall be glad to get in touch with him against a possible day of meeting. I have not been able to meet up with any of my old friends as yet and my time here will soon be eight months. But if things keep on slipping one never knows what may turn up. There are several Wisconsin Boys here in town now. Met one from Waupun the other day. A lad from Baraboo has a billet where I sleep.

A most enthusiastic letter arrived this week from Laura. She seemed to be most highly interested in her work. I hope that she continues as strong for the rest of the summer. Success, like fire, can be a benefit or a detriment. Franc is not keen over the ticket selling game but is having a good time other wise. Of course, this will be such news to you on its arrival

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No word from Marian, directly or other wise as yet. Mothers last letter speaks of her as having gone but nothing more.

Nobody has said aoto whether my Insurance ever got fixed up or not. With those papers I left I thought that I left the plainest of instructions. I have also sent \$220<sup>00</sup> that I have not heard an. Aye, yes or No from, The money I have receipts for if it does not arrive but the Insurance would be hopelessly lost by this time.

We had Communion services in every hut in the area last Sunday. We had a fine service here in the big local hut. I assisted Dr. Naylor who is the head of the Area. Five fellows asked to be received into the church. One of them wants to be immersed. We have no Baptist in The Area, the Dr. will be away this week, so I guess it will be up to me. A couple of others wish to be sprinkled, with which I shall make better progress.

The warehouse continues about the same as ever. Some supplies are plentiful, others are quite scarce, but we managed to keep the contents pretty well stocked. Of course the Manager of a Warehouse which is not at all times stocked with limitless quantities of everything sometimes falls into disrepute among those he serves, but on the whole we have a great time together.

Have something new to spring in the line of Entertainment before long. Will wait and see how it goes before I "press agent" too much.

Love,

Your Son.

Am scribbling Waman a note this week also to 431 Houghwood Bld, Calgary.