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My dearest Muz:—

I shall step right forward the very first thing and confess to you that I have not started a letter out your way for two weeks. I have gotten one off to Franc and to Laura in between but nothing marked Stat Springs has gotten away. It was just a case of two many things on my schedule of either the business or pleasure nature. I have tried to arrange my schedule so as to have one day in every week to my self. So far it has done no good. On that day for the last three weeks something special has needed doing and the day has been as busy as ever.

Then too I have not heard from a Dunning or a Johnson since June 5. I know it is nobody's fault but if this drought keeps up we will have to call off the war for

a few weeks until I can come over and see what it is all about.

We have been through a series of changes and upheavals hereabouts of late which have both directly and indirectly affected me.

The warehouse has kept on just about the same as ever. Much of my spare time has gone into rehearsing. My side partner who was giving entertainments with me has been transferred a few miles out so that broke up that combination. Soon after he was moved I commenced rehearsing with our little English chaffereess on a couple of one act two character plays taking about thirty minutes each. The idea is that we will put on one, then I will read while she changes and then we will put on the other for a total of about an hour and fifteen minutes. The plays are quite simple and very farcical. It has been great fun working them up and then

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the real fun is soon to commence for we make our debut this coming Tuesday night up at an aviation camp a few miles up. We will have more to report next time either favorably or other wise.

Then the next thing is that Dr. Taylor is leaving our area. He will be in the States for the next Y. M. C. A. drive. He does not leave France for about three weeks but he laid down the reins and ceased to reign here one rainy day this last week. A Dr. Smith pastor of the largest M. E. Church in Calif. is to follow him and is on the job now. Dr. Taylor's manager of Entertainment has been transferred to another area. The Director of Religious Work in this area returns to the State this next month so yesterday I was invited to join Headquarters. We have no

real ranking is 4. work and yet there has
of necessity been a sort of gradation because
of duties. When I drove there were two between
me and the chief Secy of the area. Any problem
that came up had to go through two hands
before it got to the chief. When I got into the
warehouse it was a promotion in that there
was but one between the chief and myself. This
is also a promotion in that now there is no
intermediary. Dr. Taylor had four on his
cabinet which we call Headquarters Staff.
Dr. Smith proposes to reduce that to three.
I am to take charge of the Entertainment Work
at once with the thought in mind of consolidating
that and the Religious Work the middle of next
month when that Director leaves. The
later is the part I appreciate. To be considered
as a Director of Entertainment is not so much
but for me to be asked to take charge of the
Religious Activities of the whole area I
quite appreciate. The entertainment work
will mean the scheduling of lecturers and

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entertainers sent out from the Paris office and also the scheduling of local talent among the soldiers. We have two or three mighty good bands and a minstrel troupe in the area that we have been using. The religious work will mean having a speaker in every hut every Sunday and also proposing religious programs to be followed in the various camps. As both these jobs rate a car I will soon have my machine again. I really have missed the old tricks and will be glad of the chance to get the air again.

Another chap who comes into the Headquarters staff gave a party last night to celebrate his promotion. After the dinner we gave one of our plays for their edification. It was a great evening.

I was mighty glad to see the family duplicate resumed. Keep it up.

I appreciate being on the Service Flag at the church. What I am doing is so little that I do not feel that I deserve it.

Did I tell you I have ~~had~~ heard from Frank Cleveland? I am working up quite a bunch of correspondents over here.

Say, I don't want to keep any notes or give any Redpath lectures. When I get home I am going to get married right away quick and I am not going to leave home for thirty-nine years.

Lara is so enthusiastic about things and I am glad. I have not even heard that Marian has arrived any where and I am mad so that is the way I feel about the rest of your off spring

Well, my dear, I love you heaps and I wait miss a week now for a century
Your Son.