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AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Sept 21 1918

Dear Folks:

Received your letter dated Aug. 13 + 19 in the last couple of days. Was glad to hear that you enjoyed your vacation as you both surely deserve it. In your letter you speak of it being rather dry. It surely is far from it over here having rained every day for about a week and a half. The mud is awful & it is quite chilly as the sun never gets through the clouds to warm up the air.

The fruit orchards over here are loaded down & we have lots of fresh fruit to eat besides all sorts of nuts, which are beginning to ripen so you see we won't starve.

Say folks if you have a little

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Tell folks as there is no
other news I will close with
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"Red"

P.S. I received a letter from
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I will write at first opportunity

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I send you a permit to do so or
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[[Letterhead]]

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Triangle; American YMCA insignia]]

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