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Dear Folks:

Received your letter dated Aug. 13th 1918 in the last couple of days. I'm glad to hear that you enjoyed your vacation at the beach. 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 and 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 and we have been eating a lot of fresh fruit to eat faster all the other fruit which are beginning to ripen as you see we won't last.

Say Folks if you have a little
high offense for its work on the

promote where it received heavy

enrollment that made a wonderful

showing and started the big drive

in that sector.

Well folks as there is no other news I will close with

love from.

"Kei"

P.S. I received a letter from

J.G. Barnsay my old scout mate on my feet and there is not much

diff of them we do not know

how soon we will be able to

get any.

In your letter you asked

me if I was still in the same

division as I was in the states I

will say that I am but I cannot

mention the number as they are

very particular about the men-

tion of divisional numbers in

correspondence.

You probably have heard

of us in the paper as it is an

illustrious division and was commen-

ded by Parachute and several other
Dear Folks:-

Received your letters 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 wont starve.

Say folks if you have a little
spare time, I wish you would send me a couple story magazines as there is practically no reading matter over here & when we are up in front where no stores or Y.M.C.A.’s are it is impossible to get anything to read. I would thank you very much also, if you should send me a couple pair of heavy woolen sox as I have none except those on my feet & there is not much left of them & we do not know how soon we will be able to get any.

In your letter you asked me if I was still in the same division as I was in, in the states. I will say that I am, but I cannot mention the number as they are very particular about the mention of divisional numbers in letters. You probably have heard of us as the papers as it is an Illinois division & was commended by Pershing & several other
high officers for its work on the Somme, where it received heavy casualties, but made a wonderful showing & started the big drive in that sector.

Well folks, as there is no Other news I will close, with love from

“Wes”

P.S. I received a letter from J.H. Garney my old scout master today. If you see him tell him I will write at first opportunity.

Do not send the sox until I send you a permit to do so or Otherwise it will not reach here.