

my dear Papa - May-28-18

I hope you received my wire announcing my safe arrival. We remained at a rest camp a few days in barracks used by Napoleon and then spent several days on the train and are therefore now some hundred of miles away. We are most comfortably fixed up here in comparatively new barracks and all conveniences and will probably remain here a few months. The food we get here is the best I have ever gotten in a military

Organization - in fact
I have gotten nothing
but most excellent food
from the very start. When
we have visited the
towns near the rest-camp
and near here and at
the stations enroute we
have no difficulty in
purchasing all the
good things to eat we
desire and cooked in
the most delicious style
I ever tasted.

With my limited
vocabulary it will be
impossible to convey to
you correctly the big
impression this country
and its people has made

upon me. ³ one endless
panorama thru the
entire country of beautiful
vineyard-covered green
hills, beautiful valleys and
streams. Everything is built
of stone and an artistic touch
is given to everything. - even
the smallest bridge spanning
some tiny brook is built
in a way unknown to America.
And the people here - everybody
busily employed in doing
something - no loafing and
hanging around. The very
air keeps one on the move
and to be glad to be alive.
They are the most polite
people I have ever seen
always ready to do something

for us and so profuse
in their thanks to us
for even the very smallest
favor done them. I suppose
it will be unnecessary to
mention how beautiful
the girls are and how
beautiful the language is
and how charmingly the
girls talk it. When I
see several of them
talking together I cannot
keep stopping and listening
to it. I have been
enjoying very much
trying to learn the
language but so far
have not been able to
carry on much of a

Conversation - merely to
 buy what I want or
 to ask the way to some
 Street or store or things
 of that sort. To sum
 up my personal feeling
 about myself and surroundings
 I can say that it
 would be impossible for
 me to have gotten along
 better so far or to be
 more comfortably cared
 for than at present. It
 is a great education the
 government is giving us.
 > I have thought
 of you many hundreds of
 times since starting on
 this trip and am of
 course greatly grieved that

The necessities of the times take me so far away from you but I am quite certain you would many thousand times rather say "I have a son in France", than "My son has a very nice Governmental position in Washington."

I hope you will pardon my having written at such great length of things that are of no very great importance in connection with this serious matter of winning the war, but of course nothing military can be written back home.

I suppose you

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might think that from
the tone of my letter
that I consider myself
on a pleasure trip with
no work to do. of course
during the trip there was
nothing to do in a
military way but classes
have now started and
it will be work and
study from now on.

I hope that
all members of the family
are getting on all right.
Has Browne gotten definitely
located yet? I got a
letter from Mary just
before leaving the other

Side in which she said
that he had joined the
Marines.

I certainly trust that
you are feeling as usual.
I am looking forward even
now to returning to you.

Please write me
when you can and get
the others to write.

Write me advance

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Please tell Uncle Dick
and Mary B. that I will
write to them soon. I
certainly appreciate Uncle
Dick's coming to see me.
~~Answer Love to you all~~
R.D. 113th I.A. after Dick



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