

June 26" 1918.

My dear Papa- [Judge Minton
H. Dixon]

After several days on the train we have retraced our steps and are now with our troops many hundred of miles from the place I have been writing you from. We hated so very much to leave that place for it was considered the best place in the country and it is not so good here. We are kept very busy both going to school and training the men. It was quite a disappointment to us to leave that place but of course

We are glad to get back with our troops. We had several stop-overs on our way here and therefore got the opportunity to see several very large French cities, ~~as soon~~ a week before we left. Rodman, Equion and I met a French major who was touring thru that part of the country on military business in a great big Limousine and he invited us to go with him. As it was Saturday afternoon and nothing to do I accepted and went to a town where we spent Sunday returning Sunday night. It was a very beautiful ride

thru the prettiest part
 of France! While in this
 town we met 8 officers
 of the 6th Battalion Chasseurs
 (Infantry) who were on
 leave and enjoyed our
 day with these alpins.
 They gave us a dinner
 as you will notice from
 the menu enclosed and
 also wrote their names
 on the back of the card.
 These alpine Chasseurs
 are the best Infantry
 in France, the Swiss
 and also the Italian alpine
 Chasseurs are also famous.
 I am hoping to get a
 letter from you all very
 soon, as I have received
 only one from you
 since landing and that
 one was dated May 6th

and forwarded from the
post of embarkation.
The United
States has built up
a wonderful military
machine over here. The
men are comfortably
housed and have all
the comforts that they
get at home in camp
and just the same
food. There is no
scarcity of anything.

I am sending
many Beverly several
copies of the American
Army newspaper published
over here which I hope
you all will enjoy.

The French Soldiers
from the front whom I
have talked to praise
the Americans very much.

There are now 800000
over here and more are
coming regularly and with
their dist and brewery
I do not expect the work
out German Soevers to
be anything like their
equals.

I hope that you
are as well as usual, I
think about you so
much and would like
to be with you. Please
do not worry about me
for I am in absolutely
no danger and will
not be for quite awhile.

I hope that you all
will write as often as
you can.

With devoted love

Rickards

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