

Oct 14-1918-

My dear Papa-

I did not know that you had been to Sarah Leigh until I received Bessie's letter of Aug 26 and Mary's letter of Sept 1. I certainly trust that you were improved by the change and that you will be more comfortable at home with the addition of a nurse. I am also delighted that Mary B. got a vacation at Meigs Head after a very stiff fight lasting ten days in the Argonne forest north-

west of Verdun, ²the Germans have been
run out and our Regiment has been
relieved and we are now on a
quiet part of the front and have
opportunity to "take it easy" for
awhile. It seems, tho, that every
time I write you that we are
resting between battles, we receive
orders and away we go in the
rain and mud that very night
for an all-nights march
to another front. However, we
are making the most of it while
we are here and have built

Some comfortable stocks in the woods near the guns with lumber and roofing-paper left by the Germans and have found stoves also which are very comfortable in these chilly hills. We are hoping to be allowed to remain here until we can get new uniforms for the men and also another supply of horses. Since the first of September we have been almost constantly moving and as a result have either lost or rendered unfit for service 85%

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of the horses in the Regiment.
 I wrote Uncle Dick
 the approximate positions of
 our battery during the St. Mihiel
 fight. After leaving that sector
 we marched about a week and
 took up a position south of
 and about 3 miles from Arcourt
 which is NW. from Verdun. We
 started the offensive there and
 after the Infantry advanced we

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Moved forward and took a position 2 miles south of Montfalcon - once a beautiful town covering a high hill from which for miles around commands a fine view. The Japs put up a stiff fight for it as it was a very valuable point. The place is still called Montfalcon tho there is no town left. The men

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thing standing in the ~~extra~~ to the church. Our next position was to the left of Montfaucon and at the right of Juvigny which also used to be a town. While in this position we were constantly under shell fire not a bombardment but just a few every hour both day and night and they would land and burst 10 to 15 feet from

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our guns sending showers
of steel splinters all over
the guns. We kept the
Chinamen in the trenches
where we cowed and only
one man was hurt. My
orderly has just brought me
a breakfast of bread and
coffee which I will enjoy
but I was thinking how
I should love to be back with

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You all are to have fresh
 rice and hot cakes. We hear
 all kinds of rumors up
 here in the hills about
 peace but I am quite
 sure that you all at home
 get the news quicker and more
 accurate than we do. Viewing
 the situation from a military
 standpoint only, it is not
 what Germany wants to do, but

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rather what the allies will
 force us to do and that
 probably in a month or so
 At any rate we are
 now beginning to think of
 our return home and it
 is pleasant to ponder over the
 subject. tho it may be sometime
 in materializing.
 With warm regards
 Affectionately

Lt R D Dixon

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