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My dear Papa-

The letter that Mary B. wrote for you on Sept 8 has just reached me today, along with Mary B's letter of Oct 14th. I also got a letter from Will Gatter in the same mail. I did not know before that Will was in the army.

My Captain has now been away on his furlough for a week and will probably return in 3 or 4 more days. The passes allow us 7 days at the place we visit and it takes 2 or 3 days travelling each way - which are allowed in addition.

It is a great satisfaction
to know that your
preparation of fire is
effective.

I have heard
from Brownie and also
Jessie recently. I suppose
that Jessie is with you
now. I am very anxious to
see little Beverly.

I suppose that
we have now fired our
last shot, tho' if the
Germans start anything
out there we are all
ready to stop it. They
kept up rather a
severe bombardment right
up to the time that the
agreement went into effect
but no shots have been
fired in this sector
since that time.

We have celebrated tonight
in the best way we
could and got up as good
a supper as the front
line would permit, but
it consisted mostly
of the vegetables we are
still getting from the
Germans' gardens. I sent
a man back a few
days ago to try to buy
something but he got
very little. He did get
however, a few bottles
of Champagne so you
can imagine the "Victory"
supper we had - a
regular "boiled" dinner
with Champagne in
tin cups!

The telephone has
just interrupted me. It

The Colonel stated when I first put in my request that my pass would be acted upon when the Captain returned. I have decided to go to Nice.

I have greatly enjoyed handling the Battery since the Captain left. We have had "two or three little parties" as we call them since he left and the Infantry reported that not only did our fire kill a great many Germans but also blocked the escape of some others who were brought back as prisoners.

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was the major who stated that the Commanding general of this army has commended the Artillery for the good firing we did yesterday morning. The Germans have stated themselves that very many were killed and wounded and 93 taken prisoner. As this will probably be our last firing, we are naturally glad to know that it turned out so satisfactory. A special order of the day will be issued by the General on this. We were firing on and around a certain little town.

more satisfactory to
one to have gotten
some of the actual front
line experiences

It is so strangely
quiet up here at the
front tonight without a
sound to be heard. The
Germans are evidently
glad it is all over
for their part of the
line is brightly lighted
up with great bonfires
as if they were having
some big celebrations and
they are giving a very
regular Fourth of July
celebration as they are
bending up rockets of
all kinds - using their
signal rockets as fire-works.
I hope that

You are feeling as usual
and that I will find
you when I return as
well as when I left.

Mary writes that
she is confused with our
location and naturally
so as the papers have
spoken of the 20th Division
being with the English
in Flanders, we have
not been with our
Division at all since
leaving France and
have done our fighting
in the St. Mihiel and
Verdun fronts.

Please write to me
or get Mary to write.
I miss so very much
not hearing from you.
I enjoyed the newspapers and
the clippings you & Mary sent
me. Please send me more. With love
Richard

The question of peace
naturally brings to my
mind the question of
a probable quick return
home. I am now ready
to return to you and the
quicker the better but
I cannot say when this
will be. There might be
considerable delay in getting
us back, tho I trust not. It
will be a happy time
for me to get home again
I have had a wonderful
and glorious experience one
that I will always remember
with much pleasure and
satisfaction, for I should
think it should be much

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Major & my
welcome letter - ab -

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