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Dear Mother,

Sitting by the road  
out in the Argonne Forest between  
Sa Claon and Neuilly. The hour  
is 1.00 P.M. and that is some two  
hours behind schedule - tire trouble -  
the first I've been in for beyond change  
to the spare tire so now there are  
two flat and twice mending of  
one did not avail so Jay is busy  
putting the best tube over into the  
best tire. <sup>+ my aid is not needed for a bit.</sup> Thank goodness we  
carry edible fruit & cheese so  
we are not suffering. Main  
drawback is the work that will  
pile up for a late return to  
Grange. One way to steal little  
writing time however so there  
are distinct advantages. My  
room is in such a public  
spot at Grange that it is well  
nigh impossible to be there  
without callers - I like it but it  
makes writing a luxury too.  
Coming back from Brittany  
I cycled over to Quimperle then



Port Owen where all the country-side  
had collected in a most picturesque  
crowd - sale of cows and other beasts  
less difference from pre war prices  
than in other places.

Cycled part of the way with  
a Frenchman from Concarneau,  
the fishing village I hated so to  
leave. He is a gym teacher and  
is planning to go to America as  
soon as he is demobilized. There  
were heaps of huge blackberries  
en route and I had the afternoon  
to it so the 32 kilometers was not  
long. Hated to leave that village  
and my two pals behind me but  
had to get back for a day in  
Paris + one last vain try for my  
lost baggage. Then to Grange  
late one night of this route the  
next two days.

Brought Dorothy back with  
me Saturday from Grandpre.  
She may go off to Germany or  
Austria anytime or she may  
come home when I do and go  
back later. We were both pretty



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tired and stupid so  
scarcely moved even a muscle  
Sunday to do anything at all.

This week I've been quite  
good and gone to bed a la bonne  
heure nearly every night and  
am getting quite rested up.

The mission is visibly decreased  
in personnel but we are taking on  
a lot more German prison labor  
to balance up and see the building  
through.

The country is in the thick of  
oats and hay gathering and we  
see reapers & binders at it and  
sometimes a reaper. There are  
gradually coming in as war  
and winter, also German cows,  
quite a number.

Yes it does feel as if home were  
getting nearer. I'm not taking the  
rest of the month holiday because  
I've quite decided for several reasons.  
Just two long weekends - one for  
Strasbourg, Nancy, etc and the other  
for a peep at Belgium. Then if  
things are not too rushed here I'll  
put by the rest of my holiday <sup>working</sup> getting  
a week in England - en route for home  
that will cost less and if I can take  
time off for a holiday I can take time  
to study and work so it all depends on  
how work is going by that time.

These are glorious days  
we are having and very warm  
ones too. Have had a couple of  
wonderful horseback rides this last  
week for it is brilliant moonlight  
and there are two of the finest  
horses here that I've ever known



my old friend Cap. and John Carlou's  
Buster. Last night we took them right  
out of pasture - they had been there nearly a  
week and the very first pasturage for  
Buster and he was so hungry and full  
of grass he wasn't in any hurry to turn  
Cap off his legs as he usually wants  
to and never can.

Don't let the talk of Greenwich House  
folk or my chatter upset you - the  
world is all a bit in a muddle and  
most of us everywhere are trying to  
see the truth but facts are awfully  
hard to get - unbiased and in any  
true perspective - they can be selected  
to prove anything so about all any  
of us can do is to keep plugging  
away at something we are sure  
is right well worth doing and keep  
eyes and ears open.

I can quite understand Julian's  
restlessness also his interest in China.  
What the student body of that country  
did a short time ago in protest  
against the opium business was  
really marvelous - she is coming <sup>out</sup> of  
her lethargy. The Australian situation  
sounds pretty interesting to me too,  
I'd quite like to go in with Dorothy  
but don't think there is much likelihood  
of it. Shall not move from here  
to any place but Amerique and  
that pretty soon.

2.00 p.m. & all hands to the pumps  
so we'll be off soon I believe - I'll go take  
a turn for Jay looks pretty warm.  
Lots of love

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