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"On Some Front in France"

Dear Father and Sisters; - Am just recovering from the effects of a hot bath and new outfit of clothing. Am smoking a pipe of "Prince Albert" to help me regain my strength.

I wrote you two nights ago, but the evenings are long and am doing really too much bunk & fatigue.

Am enclosing that "Cognac" cover which I forgot in my last letter, also one of the red and one of the white wines I am serving at present. The red top represents a high class red wine called "Margaux" and the yellow a 1914 white wine known as "Chablis".

The wine harvest was good this season, but the "Frogs" are experiencing a great shortage in wine casks and vats to care for it properly. The wine belt is principally in southern part of France. The making of wine is considered a profession of skill and experience.

Yesterday afternoon three "Comrads" and I walked over to 7. Bat. to see if I had received any mail recently. Was informed that none had been sent up to their advanced position yet.

On our little hike along the Front I was halted by two "Frog Soldiers", whom sold me two souvenirs. One being a pipe or cigar lighter made from the brass casing of a big shell, it looks much like a small leather bound bible, ~~and~~ ^{and} was engraved "Verden". The other was a lighter, ~~and~~ ^{and} is made of two round buckle ornaments from belts of German prisoners. The wording on it is "Gott Mitt Uns". Will mail them to you at the earliest time possible.

This is Halloween night in the U. S. A. and I for one, am quite sure the Yanks will start things rolling over No-mans-land here before morning like I was did back home or even aware that on Sept. 26 that "Argonne Forest".

We are anxiously awaiting Mr. Wilson's reply to Austria-Hungary's note.