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WITH THE

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2/16/19 ¹⁹¹

Ernecourt, France.

Dear Father:- This is Sunday afternoon in a little village in France. The day is dark and rainy, but very warm for this time of the winter. Practically all the snow has melted now. This is my 1st day off duty so am wandering.

About in hip-rubber boots when I venture outside. But have passed most of the day treading a little French girl here.

Our division passes in review before Gen. Pershing and

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Prince of Wales to-morrow. Date set for last Friday for review, but was postponed on account of General Pershing's aid's death.

Dear Father how would you like a pair of wooden shoes to wear around the house? Here a trick, the way these French go in and out of their wooden feet I wear.

Got up early this morning, 9:30. We had American issue ham and French eggs. Eggs are 7 francs per dozen, or about \$14.00 dt

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puts this flavour into
them too. French can
buy them for about 1/4
that price. But Oh! you
Yanks are frogs fast.
Your frames!

I do not know a thing
about our future Army's
life to-day. The review
may bring orders.

Am I feeling fine
now I need a little
exercise, I remain
Your son,

Will H. Main.

Bat. F. 130 F.F.

90 Regt.

Mass.

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P.S. Letter from you
under date of Jan.
14th just received.
As to Mr. Devin the
last account I had of
him was at Rupt, where
I went on the Front near
Verdun, and he was at
the said small town,
then a rear echelon. He
had just returned from the
Front having gone up with
a team on one of our pieces
or guns. He was there on
Oct. 17th when I went
up. He was complaining
about severe pain in
right side, and was
taken from there to
hospital shortly thereafter.

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Since his departure, I
have made inquiry at
both our Regt. Hospital
and " " Personnel
sections, but I was inform-
ed that his service record
was sent to some hospital
with him and therefore
their record of him ceased.