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Argonia,  
"L. F. S." Kans.

Aug. 19th, 1918.

Somewhere in Europe with "Army  
Forces"

Dear Father and Sisters; - Please pardon me again for not writing. But have been traveling and in camp only a few days at a time.

Received my last mail from the States about ten days ago. Received four letters from you dated; June 21st, July 15th, July 16, and July 18th. Also one from J. W. A. postmarked July 22nd and mail from your country boat, too.

Very proud to know you had father and mother's picture enlarged and so life-like. Had often thought of doing it.

Please speak a kind word to P. J. Raine for me, very sorry to learn of his poor health.

Many thanks for the Argony Clipping of the boys whom were called. Yes, we get all the dope from the "Front" by wireless and can buy European editions of the leading U. S. daily newspapers with all the war news as well as the happenings in the U. S. A.

Thanks June, for caring for my ins. policies.

Well, I am still detached for O. M. duty, but, since we started on move have been acting in same capacity as Uncle Will and I did in Colo. last season. And have seen some very beautiful mountain scenery here in the foot hills of the Alps, but, Colo. is the most scenic to date for me. Very hard for me to be seated long enough to write when there

is so much to <sup>see</sup>. You spoke of the  
new system on sugar. I have never  
been affected by it over here yet. Carried  
a big can of it on this trip. Leave it  
to "Old Mike" and it is not such a  
hard war as you may think. There  
has not been a minute since we left Camp  
in the States that I have not enjoyed this  
wonderful experience.

In my travels from southern to  
northern and eastern France, I found it  
a more progressive country the farther  
north I traveled and in central part  
there were some land ~~land~~ and fields  
much like those of Sumner Co. And  
wheat was a big crop but oats only  
fair. Threshing machines I haven't  
seen a one, but saw many small

farmers using the frail. Saw my first tractors and binders as we passed thru the above mentioned district.

The French railroad systems are a joke to the "Yanks". In first place they are many years behind on modern railways, excepting Paris and near the Front where they are using U. S. locomotives and cars. They still use the hook and link coupler without an effect on their most modern systems and many narrow gauge roads are in use yet. They blow a whistle (the trainman) instead of signaling by hands, the blast or call reminds one of a hunter's duck call back in the States. Saw German prisoners doing switchmen's work in railroad yards. Believe me, it sure looks good to see U. S. R. R. equipment over here.