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Soldiers
Mail



From
Main,
Argonia,
Texas.

October, 6th, 1918.

Somewhere in France but, soon
everywhere in Germany.

Dear Father and Sisters:- This
Sunday afternoon I received nine
letters from you, dated: Sept. 2nd,
3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th, 11th,
and two the 9th. Also one from
Feron and Ruth. I certainly ap-
preciate hearing from you so
often and keeping me in touch
the local news. Sorry tho; that
I don't write to you so often.

The last letter I wrote you was
dated Sept. 28th on the 'Front'.

Last night we arrived in a
little French village, Hargerwill,
and started our O. M. in the
Mayor's home. Some place too,
it is built like most French
buildings, of huge stone with
tile roof but, it is about 150 ft.
~~sq ft~~ ^{square} ft. complete with home,
horse, cow, sheep and poultry
apartments under the one roof.
And too, a small threshing
machine driven by a tread mill.

I was up on the Argonne Front near Verdun ten days. Believe me we sure put over some barage on the night the big drive started. We the Yanks regained in 27 hours what the French and British had been fighting for for four years. One of the Enemy's strong points, a hill, with an arsenal and a city 7 stories deep, we dug out a cut wide enough for 12 railroads and many feet deep. The Germans thought it impossible for it to ever be taken for it was fixed up modern. I visited the underground city personally and found it equipped with electric lighting systems, water works and railroad leading up from the rear. They left in such haste that their morning meal was left on their tables unwatered and liquor half drunk. Amer-

ican can milk and jams were found on their tables like it was later discovered in a German Canteen we captured. The only souvenir that I am carrying at present is a blouse button off of a Jerry's blouse. It is now located in a permanent rest camp. Many of the boys are loaded to the hubs with German helmets and other articles of the Dutch. After we advanced, the cook and I were ordered to stay behind with our Mess Equipment but I stole ^{up} with in sight of the fleeing enemy more than once.

Glad to tell, all the Argonia bunch in the Artillery came out with out a wound. No wonder tho, for "Jack" Gen. Pershing was in Command.

Please send me a copy of the Chaplain's letter, as our 2nd Class mail matter has been delayed for many weeks.

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I know, you, when in or near the larger cities we visit them quite often.

Mighty good to hear of Rollie Holt's successful operation.

There are some beautiful French women here, more tho in the larger cities but, as to many of the Yankees marrying them, I have my first one to see that ever had a thought about it.

Perfectly alright with me is you give the Pike Bros. all my old clothing.

I will not need my leather vest, heavy underwear, or any candies for Uncle Sam looks after that for us "Overhere" much different than in the States. We will be issued heavy wool underwear in a few days. Had a leather vest but, ~~could~~ let a friend have it, will get another later on, and candies, I have been sick this afternoon from eating so much Choclates and smoking Poi-Tans.