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Suesby Mine,

What a wonderful day today! -

Absolutely the best since I've been in France. One of those first real spring days when you can see the trees and grass grow, and when that restless feeling comes over a fellow. I've just finished dreaming over my old pipe - dreaming about our camp out of Hancock, and wondering if the woods and the lake are as beautiful as they were just one year ago. And the canoe - gosh how I'd like to be paddling you around in that canoe right now - Say it's wonderful Sweetheart - But you just wait and see - we'll have a lot of fun when we go to Hancock.

This 2nd Field Battalion is absolutely the best outfit in the army. How do I know? I've seen them go at a job - I've seen them go at a job that they're told to do, and stop for absolutely nothing - I've seen them pass through several paydays with plenty of cheap booze about, and with no evil effects - and best of all I've

censured enough of their mail to know just about what kind of men they are, and their attitude towards their officers.

Then Secondly - I've heard from many different sources - inside this division particularly - but outside sources as well - what officers think of us, and how many of them, and how many enlisted men too, are anxious to get into it. Why even you - away off in N.Y. heard that - didn't you? well today this 2nd Field Bu is feeling pretty cocky. They were pretty well up in the air. The other day when a bunch of their comrades got the Croix de Guerre, and still more so when their majors got the DSC and the Croix de Guerre in one swoop. Then there was a wee bit slump when the major was made Division Signal Officer because, while they wanted to see him boosted along they didn't want to ~~lose~~ lose him from the Battalion. But today Capt. Crook, my Captain, was made Battalion commander, and there isn't a man or an officer in the outfit who isn't happy. Capt.

crook is the most efficient officer, and the biggest man for men that I have seen in many years - sure enough.

Things are rather dull about here now. I haven't got out so much as I did, and I notice the inside work a lot. Today I taught a French Lieutenant how to pitch horseshoes and we passed a couple of hours in an international match.

and I haven't had a letter for several days now - There sure must be a bunch of them on their way to me. And Wanamaker's haven't sent anything since that first ~~box~~ box. It's time isn't it? maybe not. See what the Y.M.C.A. gave the soldiers on Mother's Day. There were thousands of letters written that day, and many of them very beautiful ones, for you know we must censor them.

now I go singing tra-la-la for the day I shall see you - when? Oh don't know - but remember we have a date at Coney Island for July 4th. Don't make any other date for that day - Good night, my sweet wife, I'm sending a awful lot of kisses to you, and want them to get fresher as they go. I'm sure hating you a lot, and ~~am~~ praying hard for the day that will be our day. Sweet dreams Sweetheart - ~~Love~~ ~~on~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~