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Mother Dear + Sis,

Now I'm in school in a small village of France, and after two days know that I will like it very, very much. The instruction is not difficult, but extremely practical and interesting. It seems that all the Signal Officers at the school have come from regular assignments for additional work. We ten (there are only ten left of the twenty - the rest being given jobs elsewhere) are the only ones unassigned - so our future is a matter of great interest to us all.

France is beautiful. Already we have seen quite a good deal of it, and a few days in Paris thrown in. You understand, of course, that we cannot discuss our movements, but I'm saving up the whole story to tell when I return. This place is a quaint old French village that started to grow about the time of Christ I guess, and yet there are many places 800 or 900 years old. The country is very attractive, and except for about six inches of mud altogether ideal.

The officers quarters ~~are~~ consist of a large barracks with dirt floor, and we shall now have our first opportunity to use our full equipment. - 1

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New York I bought everything
on that long list I had, so

when I set up house here I
was very comfortable. Some of
the fellows who were foxxy didn't
see the need of everything, and
as a consequence are up against
it now. The ~~mess~~ ^{mess} is excellent
and a great relief from the
French stuff with wine that
we had to eat for some time.

I'm now in the Y.M.C.A.
waiting for a concert to start.
Alice Nielsen the American
opera singer is to sing for
the officers. Picture a Metro-
politan Opera star in a rough
wooden hut away from every

place - striving to entertain a crowd of homesick fellows. In France we learn what ~~a~~ this war really means - what it means to sacrifice everything for a principle, and what sacrificing everything amounts to. If I learn nothing else, it will be worth my trouble to learn this.

Have had no mail yet, and can't expect any for a couple of weeks yet. The isolation wears a bit, yet I am not worried that you and Ruth are not well and cheerful. Don't worry about me because I'm having the time of my young life! Write often please, for when the mail starts to coming I'll be hungry for it.

Lots of love to you all - Yours,