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Dear folk at Home;

Another week has nearly rolled in. I have an awful time keeping track of the time here, if I don't think of it for awhile I forget the day of week & date till I begin to figure things out.

I haven't rec'd your letter this week nor have the boxes come, there are three or four boxes on the road for me now I guess I will have an awful feed if they all come together.

I had a letter from Gus today. he is on a different front so we have to write back & forth over here as well as in Eng. in order to have any communication.

This is for right in tonight, we have been having a game of base ball this afternoon just a practice game for a game with an other Coy tomorrow. It was very warm so we did not play long, it

will be cooler in the evening & the evenings are certainly long now, There is only about five hours darkness.

Nearly all the fellows have had an attack of La Grippe or some such epidemic that is going thro' our shack. I have missed it so far in getting on how long, J. Gallahan & Elmer H. have had their turn of it. Since I can put up his wounded shape now, he got a touch from shrapnel the other night on the inside of the leg below the knee. It did not amount to much but he had to be inoculated & has been lying around with it for a few days. The shell that gave it to him lit right beside our platoon. It was a miracle that more were not hit. We were in rather a dirty place for a few nights every little while Jerry would throw up a flare & then those M. V. bullets would go zip, zip, zip. sometimes over our heads sometimes in front ~~of us~~ and I think by the noise we were making he could hear us. It has certainly been warm yesterday &

today, just fine for sleeping in the shade of the trees.

Jim & Lewie are sleeping out in a mil yard near their billet. It has been a very nice place at one time, there are hardly any trees through the whole yard which are of the same species, there are quite a few trees I have never seen before there.

I hear Sam Longston is going with Flossie Davis now, I think those Davis guys have gone out of their heads as they say. We were planning here the other night that when we went back we would buy about ten gallons of yellow paint and paint up some of those guys over along the road that are thinking more of getting married than what they owe their country. Some day when they are out with those cars a bit of yellow paint would look good dotted over the car.

Tell I guess I will post this now as I am going up for my mulligan to the cook house. Love to all
R. Wagner.