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Siershan, Germany

June 5, 1919

Dear Folks,

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First of all I hope this letter will find you all well and in the best of health. For myself I can say that I am feeling fine. As you no doubt know, I was on pass to France a couple of weeks ago. While on pass I wrote you two letters. One from ---Tille and the other from Tours. Did you get them alright?

I got back to the outfit the 26th of April after spending about a week in France and three days with Jake at Mayen, Germany.

I had a pretty good time and got the satchel I went after. On my way back I decided I would try and find Jake. I went to Mayen from Coblenz. I got there Saturday and left Monday. I found Jake and another boy I knew in Waco. I had a fine time and Jake and the other boy sure were glad to see me. I could hardly get away from them Monday as they wanted to stay awhile longer, but I had to go as I was already two days overdue. I got back and nothing was said so everything was alright. When I got back there was only one letter waiting for me. Since I came back I have had two more or rather three more letters. One was written saying that you were in Chicago looking for rooms and the other two are written from your new home. One of the letters was a special delivery. I have two letters here with me and they are dated the 14th and the 11th of May. I have'nt been getting hardly any mail from you at all lately. In the last five weeks I have had about five let-ters from you and cant figure out why I do not get more.

When I received your letter from Chicago I was wondering why you wanted to go back to Chicago. I knew you had lots of reasons to move but I didn't expect you would go to Chicago. I sure hate to think that I will have to come back to a place where I am a stranger whereas in Madison I think I have quite a few friends. Well, Madison is'nt so awful for from Chicago and to my estimation anything under 2000 miles is within walking distance. I only hope you are satisfied with your new location and that you you will continue to be satisfied.

In your letter of the 14th I see that you received an interesting souvenir from me. What was it? The only thing I can think of is that booklet about the trip up the Rhine.

According to your letter I see that you have nice rooms. I'm glad of that and hope you will think they are nice for more than a month this time.

By your letter I also see that you are going back into the Baker business again. All I want to say is that what ever you do, don't work to-o hard. Take it easy as good health is the most important thing in this life. If work gets too hard quit and try something else.

You say there are more opportunities in Chicago for Leo to get a job and to make money. I think he ought to be able to make as much and should be able to make quite a bit more than you as there is more money in the machinist trade than there is in the baker's trade. With what he ought to make I should think he would be willing to help bear a good share of the support of the family, as it is just as much benefit to him to see that the family get along alright, as it is to you.



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I am glad to hear that you already have a good job and get a fairly good wage, although as you say it ain't much according to the high cost of living. You say you work from 6 until 3:30. Is that during the day or night? You told me in your other letter that there is a legal nine hour working day. According to your letter you are working 9 ½ hours. What do you mean by working overtime? What are you trying to do, put that nine hours out of existence. You want to be careful or you'll soon be working 10 hours a day if you are already working 9 ½.

I see Marcus joined the U.S. Cadet Corps. What kind of an Outfit are they. Anything like the Y.M.C.A. What do they do carry hot chocolate to the front line! Is there an enlistment period to it. I bet Marcus makes a good soldier, as I know he is a tough nut. I believe he looks tres bon in a uniform. Does he know what taps mean and does he obey it. Ask any soldier what taps is and he will tell you. Well this finishes the news in your letters so I will tell you what little news there is here.

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I'm here so to speak. Have had a snap all week. It is the first time I did any work. I was on duty from 2:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. and it will be four or five day more before I do any more work. Sure to sleep. There are four of us in a big room.

Only one bed. Two sleep in the bed and two sleep on the floor. I sleep in the bed. I hope to ---. I do. I wonder how long this detail is going to last. I hope until we go home. The war you might say is over and there is no use in soldiering any longer.

Weather here has been very bad the last few days. Exceedingly cold and raining most of the time. At present it is raining but hope it will be nice tomorrow. How is the weather around Chicago?

Well it is getting time for old people as well as young people to go to bed, as it is now 11:45 P.M. I think I will hang up for this time.

With love and kisses to all I remain as ever your loving and affectionate son,

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Best regard to Uncle, Aunt, Harry and the rest.

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