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Letter from Somewhere in France, June 25, 1944

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25 June 1944

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(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Bro. Vernon;
 just a few lines to congratulate you on your
 birthday. I know this will get there a little late
 but you know I have been a little busy keeping
 alive. I am getting along just fine - just got my
 head shaved again - not because it looks nice
 but as protection against lice. At present we are located
 in an orchard and quite comfortable. France is a very
 pretty country this time of the year. All the towns I have
 come through are pretty well flattened out since all big
 battles are centered in towns. The French people are very
 friendly and glad to see us. They wear old clothes and
 shoes that have wooden soles. All you see are either
 old or very young children the rest have been taken to
 Germany. This afternoon several men came up and shook
 hands with me but I can't talk French so we just
 smiled at each other. It is quite noisy here at times
 almost always a rolling heavy thunder. Must close for
 now - please write me a letter too, sometimes. Give
 my regards to the folks and tell them not to worry -
 Love P. H.

Somehow in ~~Europe~~
France

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