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France

Dear folks

Just a few lines to let you know I'm getting along just fine. We are having another of our rainy spells here and believe me it really muddies - sure could use some rubber boots in this weather. Its kind of hard on my knees - this damp weather really makes them ache at times.

Had a V mail from Jennie written on the 4th and she wrote that you had finally heard from me again - that took quite a while to get there and I imagine you were wondering where I was at.

Received my first pay on the battlefield the other day - for the months of May and June - about 170 francs (1.38) the rest I sent home to my wife, and for war bonds. Sure can't find much use for money up here - cigarettes etc is all given to us. So I'm saving a little money for the future.

I'll try to remember to enclose a piece of French money as a souvenir.

I haven't had a letter from you folks for about ten days now but should be getting one soon.

What is Vernon doing this summer? Is he growing up any? Saw a picture of him in the academy choros in the Liberator.

How is the harvest season this year? Or is it late on account of all the damp weather.

Must close for now - hoping these few lines may find you all in good health as it leaves me

With love
Ralph