

Fraser
Monday 8/11.
783-44

Dear Mother + Dad,

We have finally started getting mail over here - much to our joy. Had 6 letters tonight. First any of us have had in several days.

We have finally got a break in work and at present working very little.

Only temporary I hope & be moving up as soon as the line does.

Our first night we ~~we~~ received over 400 patients. Needless to say how busy

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We have finally started

getting ready for our
to see you. Had a letter
tonight. First camp we have
had in several days.

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break in our work and at
great working very little.

Only temporary. The type
to be working up in room
on the first day.

Our first night in
was around our 400 patients
troubles to see how they

7 I worked. I went on duty
at 7am ~~to~~ Thurs. + came off
Fri. ~~at~~ morn. at 10³⁰. Went
back on in 2 hr + worked
until midnight. Had less
than 7 hr off in 4 days. I
also went exactly 4 work
without a bath or
changing my fatigues. More
fun.

We really caught hell for
awhile so it really is nice
to have a break now. We are
working four hours every other
day now. but it won't last
long.

I kinda miss dear old
Castle Cary - but was

3/ sorta glad to leave there.
We took a train down
^{Amst} to Weymouth + spent the
night in Berchutes. The next
am we went on to Weymouth.
We got on an L.C.S. + started
for France. There was only
20 girls + about as many
officers - + a few enlisted
men. The trip wasn't too
rough but I was up all
night holding first one
head + then another. I
surely am glad I don't get
^{so} sick.

We landed the next afternoon.
It was amazing how clean
they had gotten the beach.

I went to look to have these
 We took a train down
 about 10:30 and spent the
 night in Berkeley. The next
 day we went on to Waverly.
 We got on an A.T. & T. train
 for France. There was only
 20 girls + about as many
 boys - a few invited
 were the trip meant to
 rough but I was up all
 night holding first one
 head + the other I
 could not hold but I
 We should the next day
 It was amazing how clean
 they had gotten the beds

4/ Of course there was still wreckage on the beach & a number of sunken ships off shore. We hiked about half a mile & then stretched out on the ground to rest. We were quite hot, blistered & loaded down.

We finally got loaded on trucks & went to another heap to spend the night. We were only about 6 miles from the front - have been much closer since then however.

The next day we worked there & pulled out that night for our own area.

Of course the more till
 up to the top of the
 a number of inches
 off about the sides about
 half a mile & then
 out on the ground & but we
 were quite hot &
 looked down
 We finally got
 on the top of
 another day to spend the
 right. We were only
 about 2 miles from the
 front - have been
 above since then
 the next day we worked
 there & pulled out that
 right for our own

5 I wrote you the news
from there.

July 4-

Well I wonder what
you are doing today. We celebrate
the 4th. here in our own
own pasture. We started about
2 am with quite an ~~intensity~~
artillery barrage. It wasn't
as bad as on the 3rd tho.
It really shakes our tents
however.

I have been out trading
with a french woman. She
is going to bring me a dozen
eggs in exchange for - one
bar of soap, 1 pr. socks, & some

I have been out looking
 with a friend morning till
 is going to bring me a few
 paper in exchange for one
 box of soap, for you know
 I really prefer one tube
 as had at on the 3rd to
 writing paper. It is not
 so much with quite an ~~amount~~
 own paper. We started about
 the 4th. We in our own
 you are doing today. We expect
 I will be under way
 from this
 I must see the room

6 candy. We get some kind
of hard candy in our
rations that no one likes
but the french love it.
The soap are some we
were issued - terrible
things. They are as long as
a pair of stockings.

Fred is quite safe in
England. Haven't located
Paul yet.

I chanced over half off France
looking for Fred after hearing
about the bus in his
outfit - was quite relieved
to hear he was okay.

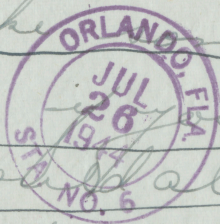
to be in our way
outfit - was quite useless
about the bear in the
looking for the bear
I showed our half of the
and yet
England - Vermont located
I had in front of me
a pair of - stockings
things they are as long as
were in - - -
The rest are gone
but the French
ration that no one
of food in our
candy We got some

7/ I think I had better stop
as I am working today.

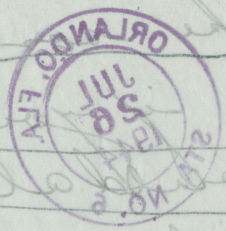
I have to go & have an X-ray
so they can decide my rib
is perfectly well. A broken
rib sure hurts like
hell - I'm glad mine is
well.

We have been wading
in mud ever since we
got here & it rains continually.

I'd like some candy &
peanuts if you can find
any. We'd also like a
couple of cans of shrimp
& maybe some pickles!



I have had better days
 as I am working today.
 I have to go to work on Friday
 so they can check my work
 is perfectly well. I should
 like to see you into the
 hills - for good now in
 well. We have been working
 in wood ever since we
 got here & it rains continually.



I'd like to see you
 present to the
 my work also like a
 group of some of my
 & through some other

8/ I am so tired of K rations
I don't know what to do.
We have the same thing day
after day.

Several of us usually
get together every now & then
& mix up something out
of our rations & packages from
home & have something
half-way decent. I would
love a piece of bread tho.

Will write more later.

Love
Mary

France
7-13-44

Dear Mother + Dad,

We started work again
last Sunday. Really was glad.
Have been quite busy up until
tonight. I am on night duty
now. It is 2:15am & I am
sorta sleepy.

We are working harder
during this campaign. Much
busier. We sleep fairly good
but doesn't seem to do much
good. I feel as tired when I
get up as I do when I go to
bed.

Had a letter from Mrs.
Stripley Tuesday. Was really
surprised to hear from her.
Was a very interesting letter.

France
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Dear Mother & Bob,

We started work again
last Sunday. Really was good.
Have been quite busy expected
tonight. I am on night duty
now. It is 2:15 AM & I am

sorta sleepy.

We are making plans
during this campaign. I was
bored. We were fairly good
but don't seem to be much
good. I feel as if I should
get up and do what I can to
help.

Had a letter from you
triping Sunday. Was really
surprised to hear from you.
Was a very interesting letter.

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Was very sorry to hear about Emmett Jr. being wounded. He really got it pretty bad.

Have received one package from you since we have been in this area. It sure tasted good. Had one from Mary too. Had some nuts & Candy. Was quite glad to get the film.

Had a nice display of fireworks last night. It was quite dark & the red tracer bullets from the ack-ack guns was beautiful. Looked just like the 4th. They got one plane while I was watching.

How very sorry to hear about
 G. Bennett's being wounded. He
 really got it pretty bad.
 How pleased our people
 from your series are here
 been in this area. It
 our taste good. Habour
 from Mary too. Had some
 bute + candy. Was quite
 glad to get the film.
 Had a number of
 friends but not others
 quite bad + the red train
 pulled from the red-see
 your was beautiful. Good
 just like the H. H. They get
 how glad with a
 meeting.

Thurs P.M.

Got busy last night +
couldn't finish.

I have never seen such
good boys in my life.
They come in all shot up
but you don't hear a word
out of them. They just don't
complain.

I wish you could see
us walking 'round in
black out over here. It is
so dark you can't see your
hand in front of your face.
We can't use flashlights
outside. I wish you could
see us going to the
latrine. We have to have
some one to go with us.

June 27

I have never seen one
 good boy in my life.
 They come in all shapes
 but you don't see a man
 out of them. They just don't
 count.
 I wish you could see
 me walking round in
 black over the thin
 so dark you can't see your
 hand in front of your face.
 We can't see flashlight
 outside. I wish you could
 see us going to the
 station. We have to have
 some one to go with us.

4 They won't let us
wander round at night
by ourselves.

In Mrs S. letter she
was telling me how hot
it was there - and about
the nice shower that cooled
things off. Well it rains
continually over here. it is
fairly warm in the day-
time + freezing at night.
I guess it will really be
cold this winter!

It is almost time
to go on duty so guess
I'll have to quit.

Love
Mary

They must let me
 understand how at right
 by ourself.
 In Mrs. A. letter she
 never telling me how far
 it was there - and about
 the size of her that said
 things off. Well it is
 certainly over her. It is
 fairly warm in the day
 there + freezing at night.
 I guess it will really
 cold this winter.
 It is almost time
 to go on duty so guess
 I'll have to quit
 Love
 Mary