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Dear Mother:

I have been so fortunate in the receipt of mail today that I must take time to answer one or two ^{letters}. I will do that instead of taking in the "movies" here at the Y.M.C.A. this evening. We have some kind of entertainment most every evening. I received eight letters today. They come in bunches over here.

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Two were from you - one dated 7/29/18 and the other 8/11/18. One was the letter which Mary sent me containing the pictures. Tell her I was very glad to get them. I also received letters from Titus and Arthur. One was from a lady who had read a letter of mine that Will must have had published, and in which she was giving me data to figure out my relationship to her. I will turn the data over to my father without attempting to solve the problem of relationship myself. Christian P. Jordan of Waynesburg was her

mother's great grandfather. Her mother's maiden name was Hoge, - "daughter of Solomon Hoge, formerly of Greene County, but moved to Garrett Co., Md., while his family was quite young, except the oldest daughter Fannie who married John Hunt, and after his death was married to George Coal, both of Greene County. Mrs. David Hoy of Pine Bank is her mother's twin sister. Her Grandmother Hoge's maiden name was Goder of Waynesburg. She had a first cousin by the name Guy Hoge, who died in early manhood." Her name is Edith Kimmell, daughter of Agnes Hoge Kimmell.

and William Kimmell.
 Her father is Treasurer
 of Garrett Co., Md., and she
 assists him in the office.
 Her address is Oakland,
 Garrett Co., Md. Those
 are the facts. I almost
 re-wrote her letter. My
 father will know her.

I was very much re-
 vived to receive so many
 letters. It is hard to
 keep on writing when a
 person is receiving no
 letters in return. I have
 not done bad, however, in
 receiving mail when
 you consider the distance
 and circumstances.

I recall the date of

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August 11th, when you were writing a letter to me, to the exact time at which you were writing. An incident which I shall relate when I see you, causes me to recall the time and my thoughts that your prayers were with me then.

I see in the casualty list of September 11th the names of Harry Dunn of Dunns Station and Floyd J. Wickman of Waynesburg.

I like the work I am doing here first rate. I would rather be here

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than at Camp Hancock.
I have felt that I was
doing something since
I came over here, though
it may not be much.
The officers here are
much nicer to work
under. There are plenty
of fellows here to associate
with. I miss the
ladies whose company
I enjoyed at home, but
I understand several
of them are coming
over to entertain us.
We have two fine Amer-
ican ladies here in
the Y.M.C.A. One of them
told me her home
was in Pennsylvania.
I am associated so little
with Frenchmen that

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I can scarcely realize
I am in France. I am
remaining a little
closer camp than I
like on account of my
funds being about two
and one-half francs, and
the end of the month
several days off. I will
soon have three months
pay due. I have moved
each month just at
pay-day. It is the first
time my funds have
been so low without
having some place near
to replenish them. Out-
side the pleasure of
having the money, it
does not make much
difference here. All
one needs over here

is furnished. I guess that he could see France by the means of a uniform and a mess-kit.

I was very glad indeed to receive your letters and the pictures.

Your son,
Gury.

OK
PB Wesson
1st Lt Ord.