



UNITED STATES ARMY

1 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 11

Dear Folks,

Another week is gone and it's Sunday again. As usual when I'm working nights, I just went to church and that's all I did get done this morning. So besides church and eating dinner this is the first thing that I've done today. I usually wake up around 7:30 and then more or less doze for the next hour or so. But this morning I slept straight through till 9:30. I was really surprised at myself when I looked at my watch. It was really cloudy this morning and I expect just the absence of the sun shining in my eyes accounts for my sleeping over. I said it was cloudy but that's hardly the word for it. I suppose you'd say it's foggy but it's not like the fine, smoky fog you usually see. It's possible to see almost as far as on a clear day but the air's so full of moisture you get almost as wet as being in the rain. The droplets collect on your glasses just like rain and in fact just

after church it did start falling a little as sort of a misty rain.

Does this seem like Armistice Day to you? I hadn't heard a word mentioned about it till this morning when the Chaplain talked a little about it. I wonder if it's caused much enthusiasm that you've seen. Do you suppose that in the future it'll lose a little of ^{the} its significance now that it's had in the past? I suppose that as long as the American Legion has several World War I men in it there'll still be celebrations held but it's possible that the date will become less important as time goes on. I wonder what date will be celebrated as the end of this war.

Our church service is always held at eleven o'clock so I thought that I spent the "Armistice Day hour" about as appropriately as possible. I can't help thinking where I spent Armistice Day last year. I expect you remember my telling you about our company marching up in a group and attending the celebration in the little English town where we were. It was just such a drizzly, wet day as this, too.



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In Friday - I can't remember whether it was at noon or in the evening - I received your letter of November 7. I'm glad to hear a report on the turnip crop and gladder yet that they did well. As I remember the potatoes I helped with summer before last didn't turn out so fancy so a favorable report on these sounds like maybe the fact that I helped wasn't what spoiled them. I didn't think the turnips looked very evenly planted when they first started to come up. How did that part of it turn out? They were thicker on the north end weren't they? Here's another thing. Jim needn't give the army all the credit. He had quite a hand in them, too.

I haven't really told you any news in this letter but when things go along as usual there's just none to tell. I'm still expecting to see you in two weeks. Be good and God bless you.

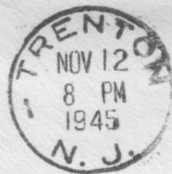
Your son and brother,

Donald

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P.S. Dad suggested that I try to come home
by plane but here's what I've decided. It's
be expensive enough, at best, for such a
short stay so I'd better be satisfied with
a train. It's got to be decided on one way
or the other and I hope I'm doing the
right thing.

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