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My dear Doctor Shepard.

With regret I read about the deaths of the dinnam men who gave their all for their country. It was for a worthy cause that they were called to sacrifice their lives. Every man who saw the war as it was on the fronts ought to rejoice and have a greater faith in his Maker for being able to return to the loved ones at home.

After Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> we marched for nearly a



hundred miles back to a winter camp. We remained there for over two months and then we entrained for a town near La Mous which is an embarkation area. We are now waiting to embark the date which we do not know.

My time has well been filled up. I was away on pass for nearly three weeks in the Chambrey leave area. I have done some infirmary work, had charge of a prophylaxis station and later, when the flu broke out I acted as nurse.



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For the past month I have been teaching a school for two hours in the afternoon. At the present time, I help at sick call, do the sanitary inspecting around our camp, help take care of four influenza patients, teach school in the afternoon and then I do infirmary duty until taps. Do you not think my day is well filled up?

There is a poor little French boy who works around this farm for one half franc per day or nine cents per day. He is fifteen years old, very



small for his age. His hands were so chapped that they became infected, still he did not stop work no matter how great the pain. The infection was on the verge of blood poisoning. I treated his hands every night after he was thru work. After a week of treatment I have helped to clean of the infection. Do you think I have a right to feel vain?

The occupation army is made up of men who belong to the Regular army. They have not completed their enlistments



and in view of the fact that they have time to serve, it makes no difference to them just where they serve. Reports from men who are in that army claim that life is very pleasant there.

I am always thinking about the 'Old Man'. May I remain?

Sincerely  
Culver A. Barr.