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The following letter from a young officer in the First Division, 2nd Machine Battalion, gives a pretty fair picture of the manner in which this particular member of the Army of Occupation spends his time.

> Helpeskerchin, Germany. April 7, 1919.

Dear Friend: After much wandering about France and Germany during the past few weeks I returned to my nest last evening and upon looking through my portfolio I find many unanswered letters and one of yours among

I have done many things and seen many strange sights since last I wrote you. I hardly remember them all now. I have only been for duty with my company about a week since the 20th of January. I think I have been to Branitz, Bordeaux, and Spain since I last wrote you—a delightful trip it was. Returning from that I sat on a General's Court Martial for a week or more, then came the Division Horse Show which took much of my time and gave me a second prize that was soon followed by the third Corps Horse Show at Nemveid which kept me down there over a week and gave our stables 1st prize. It was a beautiful show, some of the finest mounts I have ever seen were

The steeple chase was great, our division winning both first and second prizes. The show was held on the banks of the Rhine, a beautiful spot with distant hills rising above the mist of the Rhine. There were many social events in connection with it which were delightful

I had just returned from that when I was sent to Paris to a convention as a delegate from the 1st Division to form the American Legion, an organization similar in purpose to the G. A. R., and Spanish War Veterans. It was a most interesting convention and of course Paris is always interesting, and a gay place to visit. Our evenings were free so that I was able to see two operas, Samson and Delilah and Thais, with a ballet, Coppelia, thrown in.

I had been back a day when I was sent away to school at Montabour for two weeks, all of which I enjoyed very much. I spent two delightful week-ends at Coblenz, and took several trips up the Rhine. If you have never been on the Rhine you must plan to go there some day. It is a beautiful valley. I hope to go down to Cologne in a week or so and I also hope to get up to Mainz before I am sent home

One week ago our division was reviewed and some officers and men decorated with French and American medals by Major General Hines commanding the 3rd American Army The review was held in a long shallow valley, the whole division lined up in division front along one side of the valley, the bands and all regimental colors in the center of the division and the valley. The officers and men, about thirty, were in line just before the band. The division commander came over the hill opposite his division, his staff back of him, and took his position in front of the men who were to be decorated. At 10:30 Gen. Hines appeared on the horizon with his aide, came down to and in front of the Division Commander, who called his division to attention and presented them to the Corps Commander. The Star Spangled Banner was played after which the Corps Commander de livered a little speech to us, and pinned on the medals. I happened to be in the front line so I got a Croix de Guerre pinned on to my coat before they ran out.\* We then all took our place at the left of the Corps Commander and the whole division passed in review. It was a splendid sight and all the while the heavy snow storm was falling from be when she receives my letter about minute. But even with all this gay guard before I "turn in." it? I care far more for the pleasure life I'm anxious to go home, and \*This particular Croix de Guerre it will give her than for myself.

The army life over here is quite soon. They are sending some officgay socially if one has the opportuni- ers home from this division and I o there are to do. Of course Coblenz knows? You may soon see me dark-House. At the officers' Y. M. C. A. that she was over here at all. club, one can have tea any afterdance one evening a week, have some read and studied about them, sort of entertainment another even- none of them can compare with afternoon, auto trips to some of the nearby castles on the Rhine, etc. I it is peopled by an ascendant race. Church. dance, also I am often asked to sharply by contrast with Europe. Ah! les illustrating the work done at on the baloon skirt.

the first ship would be none too contained a star,

ty to get about and do the things may be one of the lucky ones who is the center of galety. There one may en your door in Highland Park. That see good German opera every night reminds me - I had a card from at the Festhalle, and then there is Helen Roberts the other day insome sort of show on every after- forming me that she is in "Y" work noon and evening at the Little Play at Chaumont. I hadn't the least idea

There are many things one sees and dance on Wednesday eve- over here that are interesting innings. At the 3rd Army Club they deed, interesting because we have ing, and so it goes. The enlisted country, rough as some may think it man has about all he can do, dis- is, but I only laugh when they say counting the dancing. There are it. How little they know it! It is a have been down several times to One appreciates this all the more

dances given by the nurses at the It is the best country beyond doubt, Olivet Institute will be exhibited in to enhance and enfold the scene hospitals. I spent the better part and I want to see it toute de suite, the lecture room. They include the rather than dampen it. Can you of four days down there last week Now I must close. I am officer of visit of the Young People's Society imagine how proud my mother will and found something to do every the day and I must inspect my to the institution and those who were

### 2 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Bible School will begin a nine thirty next Sunday morning. The regular service begins at elev

The Young People's Society will meet at seven fifteen. Theodore Moffett will lead the meeting.

Next Wednesday night at eight o'clock a Preparatory Service will they take place before July 1 be held in the lecture room.

On Sunday week the Communion | The independent and sensible will be glad to confer with any who on just the same day and date trips up and down the Rhine every new country, a verile country, and desire to enter the fellowship of the

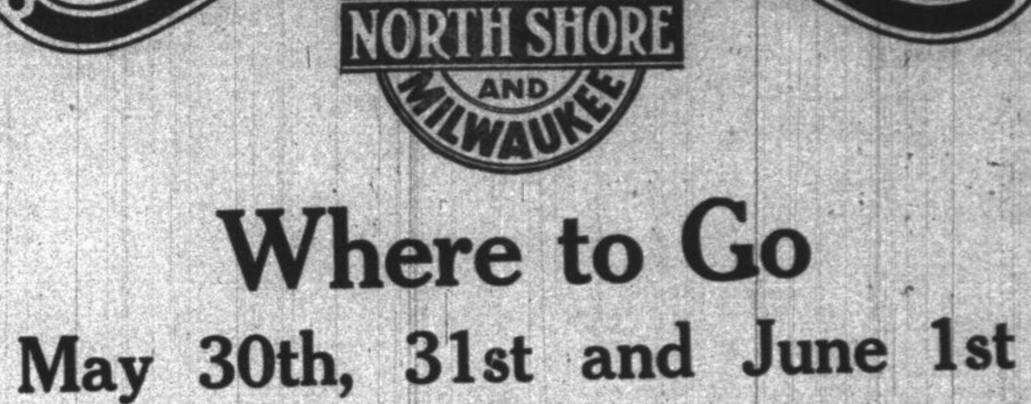
morning, Children's Day will be observed at the regular service. Will the parents who desire to have their

On Monday week, June the second ish House, given by the Woman's League, to which all the women of the Church are invited.

The most notable feature of some June weddings this year will be that

of the Lord's Supper will be observed who refuse to follow the freaks of at the morning service. The Minister fashion all put on their straw hats

It is perhaps natural that the On next Wednesday night the mov- girls who aspire to rise should put



TEMORIAL DAY, falling on Friday, will give many folks an IVI opportunity for a three-day Holiday. If you are off those three days, why not take a short trip to some resort nearby, so as to get the full benefit of every minute of the Holidays.

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