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We left Luxembourg at 10 A. M., drove to the German frontier, were stopped at the bridge crossing the Rhine, showed our passports etc., and drove on thru an absolutely different country as to soil. The soil is a crimson red, very rich and beautifully cultivated. All the hillsides covered for miles with vineyards which yield the famous Moselle wine. Miles and miles of these vineyards. After we left them, there were broad stretches of cultivated fields—wheat—and the communal gardens. It is obligatory in Germany for everyone to raise something for his subsistence. On the state roads, immediately bordering them, are miles and miles of splendid looking fruit trees, state orchards, no seals, no lichen, no moss. Everything prosperous, cultivated with scientific exactness, ev-

erything SQUARED; "Made in Germany," stamped—all clean, bright and ugly except the work of God's hands. The landscape IS beautiful. No one could realize that the country had been at war, except that all the ploughing is being done with cows. There are almost no horses in Germany—they ate them all. The workers are all old men, women and children. Every inch of ground is cultivated. Of course there is no one in uniform in the area of the Army of Occupation, no firearms, no munitions, or any of war's paraphernalia. It is a peaceful land, quiet, beautiful crops, fruit—and HUNDREDS of children. Round and rosy, too. But very few men—young ones. There are thousands of German prisoners in France, young fine healthy-looking men, also round and rosy. They are making the roads of France. In the devastated regions details of Ger-

man prisoners are making the roads under, say, a boy from Texas or Oklahoma. It does my heart good to see it! In the area of the American Army of Occupation the German civilian men make the roads under the Americans. We went on to Treves—German—an old Roman city—ruins of the place of somebody—pontiff or emperor, I forget which, and can't look it up. Roman amphitheatre and baths are the sights. I have finished the above line in the dining room last night. This morning I went down to the Bath. Had a wonderful bath. The tubs are so large that I float in the water. I weigh 131 lbs., or at least I weighed that at Dijon in February at the Dijon hospital. With the tub full of water is a mixture of salt and sulphur.

A wire came from the Division saying that the Artillery was not Artillery is not to come up first, so I will have to stay longer here; the baths will make life liveable. Another wire came, at 10:30 last night to come up to these hills at all, would be at Wittlich which is a large town; so there you are! Now I'll go back again to my story. After leaving Treves where we lunched at the Y. M. C. A. we motored on going higher and higher into the hills, now all forest, very carefully forested was plainly evident. Not a twig lying loose. Up and up, the grades getting steeper and steeper. Finally the final descent down, down the other side of the steep upgrade, and we came in view of Bad Birtrich down in the valley, absolutely surrounded by mountains. It is a town of hotels and the wonderful baths. These are the baths where the Kaiser, the beast, came. We are in Renish Prussia. There are only a few people caring for the little shops, full of souvenirs, and the baths. All the buildings are hotels or villas for the summer residents. Were it not for the baths, it would be awful to live so shut in, in my opinion. Of course, it's most picturesque. A little river running through the valley, a branch of the Moselle, the houses with balconies. In my room the balcony juts over the river and I look up at the top of a mountain hovering over the town. Mountains are wooded, of course, have walks and bridal paths, all very pretty, but it would pall on me. I like

to see out over the world. How long we stay I do not know. It will take the division a long time to come up. I forgot to tell you that the citadel at Verdun is lighted with electricity, has water, baths, dining rooms for the soldiers, for the officers, sleeping rooms, club rooms and so on. Now I think I have told you all the things we have seen as far as I can; I must tell you of Easter in Balgneux, the same conditions obtaining in all the villages of France, local environment changing them, of course. My Madame Passioneur had invited me, with Mr. Guthrie, to dine on "Paque Jour". As the telegram had come or was waiting for me telling me to go to Rezy, I had to pack Saturday night after closing the canteen at 9:30. It was 12 when I finished for I separated a lot of things in bundles to give to the French friends. Was awakened by the church bell at 6, pealing as joyful a melody as such an ancient bell could peal. Balgneux (Continued Next Week)

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