24th. Aero Squadron.
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Dear Wm.;

Excuse me for not writing sooner but such things as "offensives" have been occupying our mind lately - I wonder if you are in "it" too by this time?

I got your letter about two weeks ago and enjoyed it - but why didn't you give me an A.P.O. address - I imagine you are at "La Valdahon" after some thought - are you? I guess you are there by now thro and on the front some where.

If you ever pass an aviation field and find that the First Army Observation Group is there - be sure to stop and see me, even for a short while - I sure want to see you - we may

not go swimming in the Rhine but we can imagine we are there you know.

Give Jack my regards please - and the other boys - I'll give the Detachment all the "Kee" I can and then some. I see Lt. Brooks that Lt. Higgins got wounded on Sept 26 - shot in the arm - but nothing serious tho. Speaking of wounds etc - our squadron has lost 4 men & 1 wounded - and the other squdn. "beaucoup". They have been on the front longer than we have tho. Our main work is long distance Reconnaissance and of course we get into a great number of fights, altho I haven't had any yet - and I've been across a lot of times - 8 hrs. 30 min. flying across and 286 Kil. I have seen the Boche but

never mixed up yet. The Pursuit Boys have been knocking them down right and left lately - and we get one every now and then. The longest trip I've taken took me 51 miles in Germany soil, of course I didn't go straight in that far.

Things pertaining to War look good at present, don't they? If we can just break thru and give them a knockout blow - and we will.

I have smashed up once and made a forced landing yesterday on top of a hill with trenches and bobbed wire on it - In some way we jumped a trench and stopped. Broke an axle, pulled a wheel off and a few other things - why we didn't smash up I don't see - I guess I smallowed a horseshoe or my pilot did one.

I am billeted now with a French family. The Mademoiselle cleans up my room etc. I want to go back to our last camp tho - I like it much better than this one.

I have sprouted a mustache - you ought to see it - Some class! nit.

I was glad to get the other letters and if you want the ones I get I'll send them to you - but give me some address if possible - we write you again soon -

Best luck - your brother in Kai -

Jane.