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Msgy Dorrance Foley
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Dear Monsignor,

After being down here for a few weeks I thought I might give you the latest dope. I need not tell you about Louisiana. My opinions of the territory around Alton was bad enough but this S.W. section of the state is beyond expression. I am still astonished that this territory was part of the United States. The natives have very much the expression of bovine intelligence -

Seeing that our function in Corps Hq. is supervision we have been making trips and it may surprise you to get some idea of the shortage of priests - In one of the camps there were 35000 soldiers out in the field as far as Catholic chaplains were concerned. This condition is found in many places due to the practice of moving chaplains, especially Catholic chaplains into the combat zones - It may interest you to know