

Thanks giving Sunday, I was late as I went out and took the moulds of the post first. Roy and Vernon came up yesterday and so they and all the Aunt's household were here to dinner. I left right after dinner and Dick and I drove down town. Bert & Johnnie were waiting for me at the drug store and we hiked straight for Victoria or the road south after chest nuts. The first tree we struck had no nuts and the hives weren't open but we at last got me on Smyth's place that was loaded with wide open hives and we stayed there till we got told to move on by the family (I suppose) who were just getting home. We moved across the road to the tree shack of Ferrar's barn which was just as well loaded. We stayed there till it was time to start for home and as we stopped at the Victoria mill to get a drink and take some pictures it was late when we got home with a pumpkin and Johnnie's hat full of shelled chest nuts as spoils of war. I went down tonight to see Jim as he is going in the morning at seven o'clock and I only saw him for about a minute the other night but he had got back from Victoria where he has spent most of his furlough at the Denkin, so away I'm just as glad I didn't see him when it was his own fault it was his last leave. It has been but to day.

Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>

I took Mr. Wess' 17 mauls back first thing this morning and didn't get much else done as we all went down to County Office to dinner, except Hank who worked with Ben all day. After dinner Dad, Roy and I cleaned out one of the stalls in the barn so that George Mitchell can put his horse in and then Dad trimmed the walks and Roy fixed the barn steps. I stood around and watched him and left a had occasionally. Dad and Ernie went home to tea but I stayed and after tea went down to the station and met the first train, and was rewarded by meeting May and walking home with her. Mr. Bagley was there to meet her but as I showed up he went to the picture show where our friend Essie was playing in Lopsy's place. I was at the Bagley for a short while and then went back down town but Roy & Vernon were up at Cousin Lollie's so I didn't wait to say good-bye to them. They had intended going after nuts this afternoon but it rained this morning and was cloudy and raw all the afternoon so didn't go.

Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>

We were very late getting around this morning and