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Y.M.C.A.

just crossed
to France
first time
In active service
2/18.



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France.

March 2nd 1918

Dear Folk at Home.

At last we have reached the country we set out for. We came across yesterday and a mighty rough trip it was too while it lasted.

It is mighty cold just at present and we are in tents but we are well clothed so we can stand the snap while it lasts.

We are going farther up the line tomorrow we are just in a base or depot now.

Stan. Martin came over on pass just two days before we left. He was down to the station to see us off and then was going to Bismshott to see George. George was getting his

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pass the next day so the two of them would go south together. He got over at a very opportune time to catch him just going on pass.

When you send me the next box send a pair of socks. I have five new p. with me now so won't need any for quite awhile but I never want to both mending. I like socks of fairly fine wool, I don't like real heavy wool, in fact I can hardly wear them with my boots.

There are plenty of Y's around here. I don't know what it will be like further up.

I will write soon again after we move. My address will be
Camp - 2nd Can. Pioneer Battaⁿ
France

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We had a big laugh when we got off the boat yesterday at the performance of some of the fellows. Jim was at my feet & Levie at my head both heaving, the boat was a tough looking place when we got off her. I lay still on my back & shut my eyes, went with the sway of the boat & came thro' it fine. It was a small boat & heavy sea.

You need not expect long letters from here because we cannot tell very much which would be interesting.

Love to all
Russell