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Dear Folk at Home;

I rec'd your letter of the 19th Sep.^r last night, there is one before that on the way somewhere.

I was glad to hear that Leo. is recovering from his accident, and that no set back occurred.

You certainly have the threshing finished up in fine time this year. it is fine that the output works so good.

I don't know what the French farmers are doing these times, at all. I have lost all track of them. the last time I was in civilization the grain was all stoked & it certainly looked fine. I remember hearing reports from the first fellows out here about such tall fine grain they grew in this country but I didn't see any that surpassed ours. They tie most of it by hand ~~any~~ of course the stooks look high, some of them like corn almost.

A while ago we fared well for reading matter but that time seems

To be gone. The reading we get now is chiefly just what is sent to the boys. It happens there are four or five fellows here together of course it goes around, so if you send along a few parcels & papers they will be quite welcome. I always get the locals you send. Do you know the old dailies (The Mail I suppose you take yet) are good reading. The reading is of course is not up to date when we get them but still we read with interest and compare the war news as concerns the Canadians with what we really know it to be.

I suppose you do often wonder where we are living, but I follow the Canadians in their part and I can assure you that you will see a good many places where we have been located.

I have fared real well for boxes these last few days. I received the two boxes from the P.O. on the one day (Aug. 9. & Sep. 6. or nearly those dates), and another also, with a nice home knit sweater. There are four of us in a clik here

and Peden and Irishman received two also from Ireland so we have been living well. Peden is certainly a fine fellow. He was going to College in U.S.I. He is very anxious about his brother at present who is in the U.S. army, his folks have not heard from him for over a month.

Well peace talk is running high these times, we are certainly in high hopes of peace before Xmas. We could hardly believe it when we heard that the Kaiser had accepted President Wilson's peace terms. We were nearly expecting the guns to cease fire any time but they are still going ahead giving Fritz plenty of iron rations. Foch and the heads at the top are too wise to grant him an easy armistice now, they are wise to him and his tricks. We certainly have great discussions on it, and read the Daily Mail from end to end. May the end come soon however because everybody is longing for dear old Canada again.

Tom is making some cocoa now

for our lunch. He has been
joking all day about me letting him
this morning to get up and get on his
socks that they were soaking wet. The
idea he says of putting on those wet
socks. And shanty leaks a little you
see.

Well I think I will close, hope when
this reaches you that peace has been declared.

Love to all

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