

France,
Oct. 2/18

Dear Folk at Home

This is afternoon, we are not working today. Having a rest. have been working in the railway lately. Tom & I have been remodeling one shack this forenoon, putting in a little fire place etc.

My birthday box has not arrived yet, I was looking anxiously for it about the 30th but it didn't come, hasnt been any come for me lately.

I was just think that it is two years now since my last leave in Canada, a long time it seems indeed but not so long as some of the fellows who have been in France two & three years.

Quite a bunch of the old 168th have been killed & wounded in the last scrap. Of course I havent heard of but a few yet. Bob Rowland I hear is recommended for the V.C. He was a Coy commander in the 44th, was wounded three times but kept going right

on, they say he has great nerves I guess he certainly has.

I was sorry to hear of Les. being hurt, hope it no more serious than you anticipate, & that he will be around again soon. Received that snap of him in the B.B. uniform, it is real good.

Poor Calvin has hard luck, losing another horse; it seems to have been the way as long as I can remember.

Well I am going to make this a short letter. There seems to be no news at all that I can tell. I am quite well and all the boys you know in this outfit are the same. Rewie is waiting for developments on his furlough. I believe there is a chance of it coming thro' alright. Of course it depends on the other end, they have to claim him on Canada, that is the military authorities. I don't know whether I wrote you I saw Bill Martin or not. Anyhow I met him one day on the road. He was so big & muscular I hardly knew him, in fact I didn't see him as I went down the road but found him coming back. Love to all. Gravel