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Dear Folk at Home:

Rec'd your letters of Apr. 1st & 7th but the books have not come with the maple syrup.

We have just been mentioning the fact that this is the day the cattle will go out to grass. The grass here is just about the same ahead as in Canada at the same time of year and crop as well.

We got a cargo of socks the other day from Major Moffat. He had a big bunch of handkerchiefs, towels & socks which were turned into the quartermasters at Hitley washed and fixed up and sent to us.

As far as sending candies or chocolates in boxes, well we can always buy stuff

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like that in the Y. M. C. A. or French stores.

Base ball is the rage here now. We were in last night so had a game, just picked up two teams in the village, had all kinds of fun. We are going down to the field for another game this afternoon. We are going up the fire tonight on night work, have been on day work of late. They were firing up near the front line last night I heard them saying, rather unhealthfully machine gun fire.

I suppose the whole talk over there will be conscription now as they are going to take military fit from twenty to twenty two. Its hard luck on the farmers but I guess they have as much right to come as anybody else.

I got that box from Dunblane school and thought I acknowledged it to Helen Hamilton. I am sure I did.

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How is Mrs. McFee (Laura) coming along, she never wrote to me I suppose she is too busy starting up house keeping.

What is Willie E. doing these times, is she still parsoning out? I never hear from her nor have I heard from Eveline for a long time either.

The fellows are talking about garden parties, it won't be long before they come off now, a good raisen pie & ice cream would be jake now.

I wish you would subscribe for the Taunton Telescope & send me a few & then we would get scraps about fellows in the Batt^y and all the news in general of the Bruce Batt^y. The only local paper we get is Tara and we get it nearly all from letters.

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May 12. Well this is Father's Day, the U.M.C.A. has circulated cards & paper for the boys to write home, probably there are a few of who have been neglectful. I think I got one a week off, anyway now.

We have had no church parade since we came to the Battⁿ, too busy I guess. It was daylight when we got to bed this morning, slept till noon and then had a bath. We have a long walk now and then wiring, quite a bunch of the fellows are on the sick list today. There seems to be a kind of fever or la grippe, got a hold of a few. J. Callahan eat no breakfast or dinner. And when he & I go and a few more out eating there is something wrong. Dan Martin has gone away back for two weeks rest; a sort of pass in France. He is an original in the Battⁿ & so I guess he gets anything

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Like that, that is going.

Has Bill Martin come over yet,
George is over here somewhere
now.

Love to all.

R. Wagner.