

{On Active Service}

June 1 1918



Mrs. John Wagner,
Dobbinton,
Ontario
Canada
Ottawa

81 Poyntz

LIBRARY
DURHAM
1871

10.

France

June 22nd/18.

Dear Folk at Home:

This is Saturday night about 10.30. I have been sleeping nearly all afternoon so am not sleepy tonight, I was feeling tough since last night but I think I am alright again, colds do not last long with me now.

Lewis is pretty sick tonight, he is highly fevered tonight, has the fever that is going around I think. I am using those little face towels you sent for cold applications on his head.

I am in C. Co'y now and a private or rather Sappu (Spr) so that will change the address a little. I am in the Co'y with Lewis & Callahan now and a bunch more, parcels are the order of the day now and the way we have been living is no ways mean. I got the one of your boxes sent on Apr. 29th and the Ladies Aid box sent or rather packed by Mrs. Gordon.

2

I received your letter of May 29th,
Les' snaps & the 2. The snaps are very
good I think, I like getting an odd
snap. The money comes in quite handy,
we are paid 40 francs a month which
doesn't go very far the price stuff is. One
of the fellows bought a franc of strawberries
tonight and only got four, what do
you think of that?

We are living in a big cellar now
under a big chateau. It is a very
good place, real quiet we never hear
a gun down here and we have bunks
made which are a good deal better
than the hard floor.

It is certainly sad about Mr. Davis.
I was just thinking him a few days ago
& wondering if he was back to Canada yet.

Just wait till I have did a little
engineering and I can blow up those
apple trees with a little slab of
gun cotton or H.E. of some kind.

3

We have been getting a bath every week lately & a change of clothes so that the crumbys don't get too much of a chance but I think I can use that Sephidilia (or what ever it is) all right just the same.

Don't send any more socks for awhile now I have about eight pairs on hand now and I gave away a few the other night to a chap who only had two pairs.

Tell them we must have nearly enough fellows gathered up over there to form another Bruce Butt^a. It is certainly leaving a few in bad shape but the guys who are getting married is what gets me. About every mail we get, a dozen or so of these fellows will collect somewhere and every one has a few he has heard were being called up or somebody married, and mostly the laugh we have.

You said you hoped your letter was interesting. Well it is just that interesting that after I get it I never care whether

I get another letter or not from anyone round here. You need not tell anybody that I got an odd letter from but nevertheless it is about true.

Tell I thing I better get to bed we go out on working party at 7.45 in the morning, Sunday the same. Last Sunday we did have a little service the first since we came up the line.

J. E. Helgon is back in Eng. had a letter from him today. He had ~~blood poison~~ in his arm.

Love to all

Russel Wagner

^{23rd} C. S. Rec'd box sent May 13th
all O. K.