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Dear People at Home:

Rec'd your welcome letter today & James', Les' epistles and all. The box came also, and in dandy shape. The tarts reminded me of garden party time somewhat, they weren't broken whatever.

I walked up from Dry Creek this morning. We woke up here about ten o'clock, a nice like for Sunday forenoon. I was hoping all the time there would be a box this week for I just felt I could enjoy some real good stuff & sure enough there was two, all the better, and four letters.

The Ball is all away at

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Longmoor Range having
some shooting practise so there
are only a few deer here, we are
board with the 20⁸ - I think
I am through with the gas business
now at least I hope. I am
ready to go back to work now.
I have two months practically holiday.
I am going to the dentist tomorrow,
the tooth I had ⁷⁵ for to get the
enamel crown on has all smashed
to pieces so there is a big gap left,
not very noticeable but nevertheless
I am going to try to get it fixed
up again.

Had a letter from Evelyn. She
didn't say she was coming over
very soon. She must have ~~had~~
time to get just right. It is a
great experience for a nurse

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although they are tied down pretty good in the hospital. The Canadian nurses all hold the rank of Lieutenant and of course then they are not allowed to walk out or associate with any soldier under that rank.

That snap taken back at the turtles was fine. It is the same old place of boating, dad looks old looking in that picture I think, I guess he wasn't all set it is just the way it seemed to catch him & the dog quite ferocious.

There is big talk of us going East instead of to France now. This Division is spending an awful amount of time in field training which really isn't necessary. Sir Gaunce and I heard them

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saying today that sandals & cork hats have come to the ordnance stores also rubber tyred machine gun carriages. Oh! we hear a great many things here but it's hard to believe anything till you actually see it. Egypt is supposed to be our destiny. I was pleased to hear Jennie George was so much better but I guess she will have a hard time yet.

I saw the best play at Aldershot I ever saw in my life, last week. The name of it was a "Royal Divorce" and it was a play in which Napolian divorced Josephine his beloved wife to marry an Austrian princess so that he would be married into the Royal blood.

of Europe. It was certainly fine
it was so good that it would
actually seemed real and
the pathetic scenes was too
much I assure you some of the
tender hearts who had to use
their handkerchiefs, who gave
vent to their feelings. The persons
taking the part of Josephine & Napoleon
were really good. The first scene
was when Napoleon broke the news
to her. The next was the Austrian
Princess visiting Josephine in her
home, then a scene after the
retreat from Moscow and
before Waterloo and the last
was the parting of Napoleon with
Josephine at Plymouth before he
was taken to St. Helena.

English History means more

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To a fellow when he comes over here and sees London and all the monuments etc. than ever before. We have a High School history in our pub here now and we refer to a lot of things we have heard of over there.

I am sending a few pages out of a magazine in a separate letter, "Doch Dr. Sochers experience in London" I thought it was real good, although it may not mean as much to you as if you saw London because you haven't much idea what the under ground etc. are like.

How is Laura progressing, is she not going to be tired of sitting soon? Had a cold down yester morning too. He has been in the Hospital with boils. The fellows except Lewis & Edd. have all had boils and got a few today and

books since we came over.

The 208th Fishmen are going to take their colors to Ireland to deposit them. It will be a good tail for a few.

I met a 149th Sergeant at Mytchett last week who was in the same Company as Cliff Swigell. He said Cliff was transferred into some transport or other and has gone to France long ago.

There is all kinds of potatoes over here apparently. Every field I have almost is utilized and there are big fields of potatoes too and they all look fine, haven't seen one scabby patch, you can scarcely see the rows. Potatoes are a penny a lb. in London some places now. They say so we're not going to starve yet awhile. The Love had new potatoes for a long time now.

Always Russell.