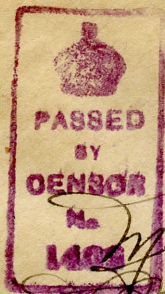


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Dear Folk at Home;

This is Sunday evening. I have been to Cologne this afternoon, arrived home about 8 o'clock and have been upstairs with the people here till now, it is after ten.

I sleep down stairs in our ware house ^(I am alone) and as I have to let a couple of the other boys in when they come I cannot very well go to bed so I thought I would write this letter.

Cologne is a very nice city, about the size of Toronto. The streets were full today of course a great many soldiers were there sight-seeing like ourselves. We went

there on the electric car line. It costs us nothing to ride. I was in the large Cathedral of which I am enclosing a couple of postcards. It is one of the principal sights in Calm and is certainly a very large and beautiful structure. It is quite similar inside to St. Paul's in London but outside is very much more elaborate like Westminster. Maybe I am talking over your heads but if you compare pictures you will notice I think.

The Eng. soldiers are in that city and the New Zealanders. They have there I should judge 250 of the trucks (motor) which the Germans handed over, all lined up in a square, wire around

them and a guard on them.

It certainly must burn these people inwardly to see us in possession of their motors & stuff and walking their streets quite at home.

Of course we all have heard that Germany as well as Eng. was a great beer country. If there today all the large 'Cafés' were in full swing. (The Germans call them 'Kaffee' in other words a restaurant) an orchestra playing and the people eating & drinking. Everything else is closed but these places are there do quite a business.

In Cologne I believe the people are about half & half Protestant & Catholic. The same applies to here. The photographer here is a Lutheran

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and he was telling us this. Across
the fjord they are more Protestant.

I guess I told you about the old fellow
taking our flowers. He has finished
them now so I will be sending you
them right away. They are very
good I think.

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The were upstairs for tea when we
came in about 8 P.M. and certainly
enjoyed the two hours up in their dining
room. It is a most extravagantly
furnished room and they were
really as nice as can be.

The old gentleman can speak pretty
good Eng. but his daughter is a
little better, she has studied it at
school and has the grammar
good. They have quite a time