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Dear Folk at Home:

Rec'd Leo's letter of Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> yesterday -  
was pleased to hear from him once again.  
I haven't rec'd any mail yet addressed  
to the Pioneer so of course our mail  
is delayed yet going to Braginstott.

What did Mat. Brown have to say?  
I'll bet he will have some questions  
put to him for a month or so. He  
certainly was lucky in one way to  
get that knock, he will likely get  
over it and then he will have missed  
a good deal of slugging over here.

Mat. never did work hard in the  
army, he always seemed to get a  
cushy job, he is honest & they knew it.  
Is he carrying on in Charlie Tobey's?  
He won't need to wear a hat there.

Well things are carrying on as  
usual here. The night before last



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Fritz dropped a shell about ten yards from our billet, right in the Frenchman's garden, in his strawberry patch. Everybody was away when it came over ~~else~~ we might have thought our last had come. Bill Galbraith from Tara was beating it up the road when one lit on the side of the road and nearly covered him up. They had to pull him out so he must have been pretty well covered up. Another shell hit a French house and burst it up pretty good, when we were coming <sup>in</sup> a little French kid was sitting out by the mess say "Allemande beaucoup bombarde". Only a couple of fellows were scratched up in what he put over that night.

Our U.M.C.A. got a big supply of stuff a couple of days ago, since then we have been living good. I got a can of tinned raspberries just



like the good old preserues. My it was a treat!

Tell I just rec'd your letter now of 27<sup>th</sup> Mabel's enclosed. I will be looking for the boxes any time now. Miss Owell must not be very popular at her boarding houses, she will have to start up herself somewhere.

I remember that Rachel cow, she was the one that gave that fair such a fling one day I was milking her, does she ever like those blind laggards now?

I had a letter from Holmie & Addie. probably I mentioned it before and Holmie said she was not well at all, wess she will not last long now.

I had a letter from Aunt Bella yesterday, she keeps writing once in a while and I always answer.

Love to All  
Russell