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Returning from leave & hospital

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Dear Folk at Home;

Back to France again! Just came over this afternoon.

I got out of hospital Monday noon and had to report to go to France on Wed. morning. I didn't go back on Wed. evening, went to Can. Records in London and go a few till this morning and then nearly missed the train this morning.

I had a good time on the hospital. It was just about the same as leave, but afternoons to socials etc.

The night before last I met George Martin in London, that is the reason I stayed yesterday, to have the day with George.

Goodie was going to Ireland
so when he met me he said he
would stay the day in London
as left last night for Ireland.
Yesterday George and I went out
with a guide on a sight seeing
expedition in London, in the
forenoon. In the afternoon we
went thru Madame Tussauds,
Wax Works and to the British
Photographic Bureau. We bought
a bunch of pictures they today
reach you before this letter, there
are 16 (and in my name) I
think they are very good,
real typical scenes.

Last night I went to a social
organized by the "Beaver Hut".
The B. Hut is a big place they

have in London for the Canadians
to stay, meals, beds, canteen,
picture show everything complete.
They have a sort of social committee
committee that just looks after
entertainment of one kind and
another. They have socials every night,
a certain number can go and there
you meet a group of young ladies.
They have a list of young ladies of
good repute and they invite a
number of these each evening. I
went to one of these socials last
night and had a rattling good
time, considering that everybody
was strangers. It was just
like the old parties at home,
musical chairs etc.

A fellow by the name of Barr

came up to me yesterday and says
 "Do you name by any chance Wagner"
 I said "yes" but I don't you name ..
 Known his face forever. He was
 boarding at Melsons in Shatford
 when I was there, ~~he~~ was going to
 High School. I had nearly forgotten
 him. he is a fine fellow. ~~We~~ I
 went to the social together last
 night.

I was at a confle I got tickets
 on Monday & Tuesday. I just wish
 you could see one of these good
 plays over here, they are a treat.
 The scenery is grand. Some of
 those plays stay as long as two
 years on the same stage so they
 must be good when they can
 last that long, & course London is a

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a big place.

I met a nurse in the hospital who asked me if I had any relations in Albany New York. She came from there and said she knew people there by the name of Wagner. I have had several fellows from the States ask me if I had relations down there. I guess may be some of them are my relations all right.

Last Saturday afternoon an Australian sergeant from the hospital and I went to a social for men from the hospitals. They gave us quite a good time, plenty of eats & amusement. Some of the fellows of course had game bags etc. The ladies chaperoned at home and gave Aussi & I both a whole cake to smuggle away as we that were left over so we

had a piece for the whole ward
for next day. The sister said
she would send us out often
but that was the last one. I went
out ⁶ yesterday.

I am working in a Y.M.C.A.
it is the only place to go tonight,
we are sleeping in tents & tomorrow
morning I start for Normur
or there abouts.

Last night I stayed in the Maple
Leaf Club right near Victoria station
where we leave from and was put
in one of the rooms where we were
supposed to be called at 6 o'clock
to get to the station by 7.25. It
happened however that I was
with a bunch of fellows who
weren't going away so when the
orderly came at 6 he asked if
there was anybody for France
in the room & one fellow

said "No". Didn't hear him
so slept till 7.15. Will talk about
a 'move on'. Went at an awful
rate, missed breakfast but
caught the train.

Dam anxious now to get to
the Ball to get my mail, the
last mail Dad was date
Dec. 15 so you see Dam away
behind the times, no news &
slating news.

I couldn't work it to stay in
Eng., from the hospital I got orders
to report back to France so that
settled it.

Well I must close. The of M.C.A.
is closing up for the night. Now
for the crowded tent and the
sandy blankets. Quite a change
again.

Love to all
Russell