

France

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Dear Folk at Home.

This is Friday forenoon. I went on sick parade this morning to go to the dentist but there were too many going this morning so I am going tomorrow about 6 kilos. to an other town to the field Ambulance. After the sick parade we did not go out on parade, have had a little job for a couple of hours.

I have had no mail since I wrote last except a couple of letters that should have been here over a month ago.

We are back from the line again some distance back where we came too before, on the 1st of July. We have not been up the line since but were up that way.

You will remember Harry Jack who used to clerk in Bullachey.

store, a tall good looking
 fellow. He was in the 18th
 & is reported missing. He &
 Jimmy Grant a big stout
 fellow from Chesley, who used the
 our Provost Serg^t in Skitney got
 it the same time. About double
 the number of Fritz came on them
 in a dugout and Grant was
 bayoneted & shot twice & Jack
 was wounded & taken prisoner.
 Then when they were taken Harry J.
 away as prisoner he knocked out
 his two guards & escaped for the
 time so there is quite a hope that
 he may have got back & gone to
 the hospital.

I received the Stratford & Chesley
 papers yesterday. There are always
 a few interesting things we see
 in them. The parcels are very slow
 at coming however.
 We have the Yankees around
 here now. There was a bunch

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came down to our canteen last night. They are great guys to talk. They can say more and mean less in half an hour than a dozen ordinary men. They like knocking around with the Canadians but they hate these Englishmen about as bad as the Hun, at least they say they do. The Yankers seem to be doing good work up the line however. I like to hear that. There was an ambulance load of them loaded for Blighty went thro' here yesterday.

The receipts of the garden party certainly were good this year despite the war & everything.

Well I don't think this war will end this summer may be just. I am in France but I don't know really anything more about the war as a whole than you know yourselves from the 'Dailies'.

I think this is all the news for this time.

Love to all
Russell
Wagner

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