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Dear Folk at Home.

This is evening and I am sitting with my feet up to a nice coal fire in a French house which was formerly one of Fritz's billets. This warfare has at last got out into the open away from trenches, the land has been crossed around here and the French people living in the villages. There has been a great many of the civilians released from bondage this last week and one cannot sit back in Canada & read it in a letter or paper and form any idea of how overjoyed these people are to be liberated or how brutally they have been treated. I have sung to a bunch going back clear of shell fire, I suppose the French Govt. is making provision for them.

I received your letter of Sep. 11th The other day, it was a long time coming.

You said that your boxes always seemed to be the same, Well even they are, they are the best you can send and I certainly don't tire of that kind of eats. Remember our Irishman here gets a big box from his home in Ireland every few days with cake etc. They certainly cannot get the goods to put up a cake in. Blighly now. No fruit just a simple white cake which will only keep about a week. The fellowship of the army is great you know, these are from I us here and if one gets a box the other three get their share, the others welcome the box as much as the receiver. That coffee or cocoa with milk & sugar is good stuff to send

because we can usually heat a mero tin of water and then we can have a good drink. We are just getting a hot drink of that Reander Coffee ready now. That sugar which you sometimes send is very good as well for sweetening different things. We never used to make warm drinks in the summer but since the wet cool season has set in we enjoy such a tody before we go to bed.

We have been working steady & late but we can see some results. We are on railroad construction narrowing Nevins' medium gauge for our narrow gauge. I like the job fine, of course a good billet for the long evening helps matters greatly.

I havint heard any news lately (last 3 days) how things are going on the other front but we have been hunting by the seat. he is evacuating ahead of us he must going back to the border of Belgium & France. I hope he does and then throws up the sponge. I'd like to be home for

a skate this winter yet.

We are getting sweatup coats & jerkins
(leather coats) tomorrow I believe, preparing
for the colder weather.

Well I wrote not long ago so
will cut this short. lunch is ready.
So Good night.

Love to all
Russell