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First letter from K.



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Dear Folk at Home.

Sent you a field card last week, probably it will reach you before this.

We have not received any mail since we came over so are anxiously looking forward to the first mail. havent heard how the rubber hockey match came off so we are nearly two months behind the times.

We have a very nice place here in a little French town within sound of the guns, have seen no duty work yet, don't know when we go up the line.

We are soldiering like real soldiers here, working harder than we worked last winter in Eng.

It is surely sunny France! here now, lovely warm days, cool nights.

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We jump up in the morning and have a wash & shave beside a little creek, no fancy wash houses any longer.

What bit of French I knew is certainly coming in handy now. We have one awful time trying to understand & make ourselves understood. I can usually get what I want any way. It is amusing to go about all alone here and note the peculiar customs of the people, its not much like Canada. After looking over these old countries one realizes more than ever that Canada is far a higher level of morality, and a more upto date country in every way.

I saw them laughing with an on yesterday, the first of December saw working. They have some very odd outfit on the farms here they are curious to us.

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I am sitting on my lowly
bed writing by candle light so
this will not be very fancy. There
are 424 C A's all over with the
woods however, plenty of chances
for writing & for eats.

We are pretty well fed with
what we buy in the town. We can
buy plenty of eggs & chips up town so
as long as the money lasts we
are safe. We get good white
beef over here, better than in Blighty,
cheese & jam every day.

All I think I will close. I would
just like to take you for a half day
& show you around here. It would
open your eyes.

Love to all

Russell

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Just arrived CCR Dep.
on Fr,