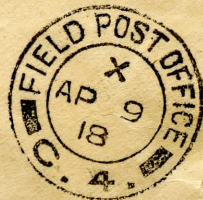


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Dear Folk at Home;

I have received no mail since I wrote last, our mail hasn't come from Eng. yet, it ought to be along soon because the other fellows got Can. mail the other day.

We have a fairly good billet now in a barn, last night was our night in so we had a good blazer fire going, and cooked some eggs.

The day is night work and its no easy task, the walk is the worst, we get in at all hours toward morning, have breakfast and then go to bed till noon that day. We are out three nights and in one.

The night before last Fus. Beatty and one of our officers were wounded, both good Blightys. Fus. was hit in the thigh by a piece of over head shrapnel, just a bad flesh wound.

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I think. He just landed in France for the rough time, I suppose you got the news of the drive thing made last week.

The shell that got Rus. dropped short, I think it was meant for a battery that was back behind us. He kept us ducking for awhile, you can hear the shells coming for a little piece so unless it is over head or a fair hit a fellow has a little chance in ducking.

Lewie and a bunch carried Gub. out and when they were putting him in the ambulance the shells began to come over again near where they were and they had to beat it in a hurry, they had quite an exciting time.

I have the crumbs now, a few at least. I didn't think I had any till I looked the other day and there they were, large as life.

We have a Canadian Y.M.C.A. here now, they had the real old Canadian chocolate bars in yesterday the best I have tasted since I came from Canada.

They give us tea free of cost
in the Can. Y^{rs} just put it out for
us, and let us help ourselves.

It has been damp weather these
last couple of days, and the mud is
pretty deep, I can imagine what it
would be like here after a very rainy
spell.

I suppose seeding will be started
now, they were busy at it over here
before we came of the line.

~~Will write~~ again in a few
days if chances are good.

Love to all

Fussell