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My dear Sisters:

Your letters of May 28th were received. Many thanks for the news and the clippings. You ~~not~~ must not mind a little thing like a two weeks silence, once in a while. I always manage to get at least one letter a week, over to you, but often am two or three behind, owing to business. However, I shall try and do better in the future. The casualty you spoke of, was news to us. How little we know, of what is going on. But then, we are to be here for a month or two, so you need not worry.

TO ECONOMISE PAPER, PLEASE WRITE
ON THE OTHER SIDE, IF REQUIRED.

We are beginning to yearn for activity. We hear so much from the Tommies, that we want to try it ourselves. And then, we all have pals on the front, who send in favorable reports. Neil is far behind the lines, but Homer, Fred, and Jeff are up where it is hot.

Thanks for putting my name on the Red Cross list. No doubt, I will someday, feel the result. I received the badge, and though we are not allowed to wear any ornaments, on our uniforms, I found a place for it, on our tent. Did I tell you I heard from Inez. How was Memorial Day celebrated, this year?

It is too bad about the old Honeysuckle and Boxwood, but

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if I ever get back, I shall be able to get along nicely without them. Is Chick still alive?

Maisie, it is a good thing for everyone concerned that you can handle those figures, which seem bound to haunt you. Suppose that I was in your place? —

However, May, I have learned so far, that is not what you can do, but what you have to do. Why, I have had to do everything from cooking to sign painting, but, with never a chance, at drafting. Congratulations on your high percentage. And you were afraid to take those exams.

At present, I have letters from Mrs. N. Ruth, Edward John, and Al Ott, which I would ~~be~~ be pleased to answer, if I only had the time. Just tell them to wait. Within the past two weeks, I have received quite a lot of mail, including a letter from Peggyth, which I have just answered.

You say that the camp at Ayer, has been closed to visitors, and no one knows why. Well I'll bet you a shilling that I can guess. Did it ever occur to you that those boys have been under training for about eight or nine months?

As yet, I have not received the box, but as I understand conditions in this country, am not worrying about it. It will show

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up, some day. I'll write and give you the particulars, when it gets here.

Did I tell you that I received a letter from "his royal ighness," on my birthday? Well, I don't suppose that King George knew that it was my natal day, but I got it, anyway. A letter of welcome, and appreciation. Wishing us happiness, during our stay in England, and luck in our future undertakings. I'll send it home, soon (as I answer it)

So Essie is a stenographer. Well well well. Some class to the kid. Hope that you do not try to end this war now, and get yourself all played out.

again. What do you mean, winning prizes? And getting raises all in the same letter. Gosh, its a wonder you'd deigh to write to a common ordinary private. Your mind, now, maybe someday I'll get my name in ~~this~~ print, too. You see, I'm an actor. Yes, just to put some pep into this camp, we decided to pull off a comedy. "Have Mercy Judge." I'm the judge. And now your letters are going to be fewer than ever. Between work, school, French class, and rehearsal, I can see where I am going to be on the jump. ~~But~~ But then, we don't mind a little thing like that. We are trying to have a good time ourselves, and keep up the spirits of the rest of the boys. We have plenty of excitement. Our own little wars, and everything that goes with

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them. The other night, while the boys were feeling good, rough-house was in order" and that old camp looked like a battlefield. Finally, one of the non-coms, took offence at my moustache, and at a given signal, I was layed out flat on my back, and a pair of scissors separated me from one half of my "mouisk". It was that dark I couldn't shave, so I had to stand reville the next morning, only "half shod". Fun? Gee we did have some time. These Tommies see us on a little party, and take cover. They think we are awfully rough. We have a

set of boxing gloves, and I am a student in the 'manly art'.

Send over one of those Red Cross photos. Will you?

Peg's letter afforded me no little amusement. Where under the sun did she learn to write. Gosh! I don't suppose I should talk, Essie, but if I had time, I could do a little better than this. (old stuff) Anyway, there is a rehearsal tonight, and I go on duty tomorrow at 4³⁰ A.M.

What is Lieut. Cleary's record in feet? I would be interested to know. Gee! I thought he'd turn out to be something like that. Some boy!

If we ever get paid again, I think that I shall take a little trip to Boston. Not the one you know, but another, over here, just to compare the two. Interesting

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Don't you think? What a wonderful time a fellow could have, if he only had the money. Most of my time is spent in hiking. One can see quite a bit, that way, and more detail, too.

I saw a "Boston Post" the other day, and also a picture of the late Lieut. Stephen Fitzgerald, of B.C. Wasn't he on the debating team? His face looked awfully familiar. Poor chap.

Cissie, I think I'll quit now, and wash up before rehearsal. So with barrels of love to all, I remain,

Your own

Pick.

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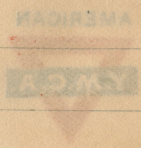
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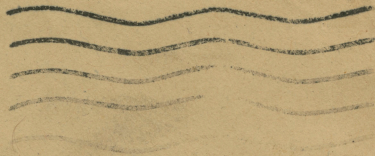
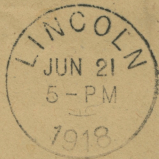
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