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Dear Bro.

I have been wanting to write you before this but as we have been kept on the go for past two weeks have been unable to do so. I was admitted to the hospital for scabies last Wed. and am getting along fine. We get good meals & certainly do get better treatment than we did in England. I am almost cured I expect I will be sent back to unit in course of few days. Some of boys went up the line yesterday afternoon & I expect the rest of us will be going up shortly.

We are not far from the front line & am quite used to the roar of the guns. The boys all seem to be very happy & are anxiously awaiting their turn at Finty. They have been making quite a bit of headway lately. How long the war is going to last we cannot say but hope for the best & that it will soon come to an end. The aeroplanes are flying about like bees & do not bother watching them as they used to. Sometimes Finty comes over but very seldom gets far. We have not heard anything further about Lloyd except that he is missing. I presume you heard about Robt. Washburn dying of wounds. That certainly was a shock to us as a few





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says prior the report his brother James got a letter from him from the hospital & he reported is getting along fine. He was in the Vimy ridge. Saw your young cub last night & he says he has been pretty lucky so far. Eddie Bish is now with the stretcher bearers. How do you like your work along the boarder? Have you ever met with an trouble with aliens? What is your daily routine? If you get home for few days this summer as you expect to, try & humor it up a day. When you are through with your service & you are wise you will stay at home

& help father. I am sorry I went  
 through my operation for the  
 sake of getting over here & could  
 I have my choice again I would  
 stay where I was & let well  
 enough alone. Father must be  
 worrying a great deal according  
 to the way he writes & wishes I  
 were home to help him. I feel that  
 it was not my duty to leave  
 him as he cannot get the help  
 for farm that he should &  
 it has left a great burden on  
 his hands. He is getting pretty  
 old & I know that he cannot  
 look after it all. The sooner  
 one of us gets back to help him  
 the better. He said the seed  
 orders were coming in rapidly  
 & kept them quite busy getting them  
 out. Well Arley I will have to close  
 as have no more paper. Hope you  
 are well. Your loving brother  
 Sheldon. I have not received  
 any mail for  
 four weeks  
 received cigarettes O.K.