

No 1 C.G.H.\* B.E.F† 17-4-18

Dear Mrs Mc

I am just awfully ashamed  
of the letter I wrote you last  
such a grouch! I hope you  
had pity on me & burned it  
Dont think I was "fed up"  
no, only tired but I didnt  
need to weep on your  
shoulder did I? You see  
when it gets so very bad  
and I am simply tired

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to death I want some one to talk too  
no use in talking to the sisters  
we are all alike then I want a  
friend - & go to you. Please dont  
think of me a quitter not a bit  
of it. Today I am in really a  
cheerful frame of mind. The boys  
improving and a sister with me  
who is perfectly willing to work  
stops at nothing which means  
so much. These little fussers are  
N.G.‡ What do you think of the  
war now? Tragic is it not?  
Today Bailleuil has fallen the  
communique says. I cannot believe  
it I was there such a short time  
ago & never tho[ugh]t it would be in  
the hands of the Hun. I bot the

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blouse there that I sent to J.  
at xmas time I do not think  
she likes it as she never  
mentions it. Think I paid  
50 franc's for it too  
Duty calls ——

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\* Canadian General Hospital

† British Expeditionary Force

‡ Probably short form for "no good"

we are and have been  
very very busy and will  
continue to be so by all  
appearances "Fierce fighting"  
means work for us. I cannot  
understand the situation  
at all. Our men are & always  
do as Sir D. Harg says "stand

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with their backs to the wall"  
I realize more & more every  
day the need of prayer  
we all know it. I feel so  
sorry for you people at home  
sending your best over here  
so good to us & doing so  
much and then you have  
the agony of waiting  
watching things from such  
a distance we are here  
where things are  
happening & I do not beleive

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it is as hard for you  
my heart aches for the mothers  
in this war If they could  
but see their sons smiling  
faces here it would help  
them so much. Broken  
legs, arms & heads & having  
to be fed & one hears "keep  
smiling Jock" we're winnin"  
another one will say "I feel sorry  
for you sisters you do work  
hard, such long hours" etc  
& he poor chap perhaps a  
dozen wounds. They are bricks!

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one chap said one day" Someone  
said no women in the next

war but I'd like to see them  
try it we couldnt carry on"  
I am anxiously looking  
forward to the box you  
spoke of It surely is  
good of you. I appreciate  
it so much simply the  
fact of you wanting to do  
such things helps a great  
deal

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I suppose Jessie & Dad have done  
west long ago It does not seem  
real but I know it is best and I hope they  
will be happy. For myself  
I have no idea when I will be  
home again "Aprais<sup>§</sup> le Guerre"  
much as I would like to see you  
and other friends I would not have  
the heart to go home without seeing  
Dad & J. She speaks of 3 mos. leave  
in Can[ada] but 14 or 17 days is all I  
would get I do not want to go now  
anyway while there is so much  
to do. Next winter we will see  
I am worried about Percy. How  
can he ever "carry on" alone  
I sincerly hope he intends getting

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married. Tell me how  
things are going with  
him wont you  
Best to Mayme  
Tons of love  
Euphie

19-4-18

The box has just arrive & we have  
eaten cake cookies candy & apples  
also dark coffee oh it was good  
Each article was greeted with a

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<sup>§</sup> Après

cheer by excited onlookers too[?]  
I almost wept in fact well –  
It is so good of you really you  
can never realize what your  
kind thoughtfulness really means  
there are such terrible days  
heart breaking but there I  
must not. It is surely  
a trial of my faith  
The apples are delicious  
The first Canadian Ive  
Tasted this year Tell Mrs B  
They are simply "Tra<sup>\*\*</sup> Bon"  
Thanks so much Euphie<sup>††</sup>

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Très

<sup>††</sup> This last section was written vertical across the  
bottom of the final page