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My dear Mister

Very many thanks for your letter of the 12th (vagnement)
I have no doubt that it was the fault of our mail orderly
that my letter was posted so late, but of course it is no use
saying anything as it will not help matters. It would
be very hard for me to go and see you even if I did know
where you were as they would never allow me to beyond
our corp area although I can assure you I would like
very much to see you! I am at present not very far from
the famous Belgian town that has been so badly destroyed
well in any case let us hope that we will have some chance
of meeting but here, and what I will do in future is to
get some civilian to send you a few lines saying *juste*
est parmi nous and in that way you will know where
I am. It is too bad that my letter took so long to reach
you for I am afraid that when this letter reaches you we
will be gone again. I am glad to say that I am keeping
in the best of health in spite of the conditions of things here &
there is no doubt that it has been quite a hot spot and
none of us will be sorry when we are out of it and back
amongst the French people again. My brother Peter is going
to work and see if he cannot get me a job as interpreter
in the Chinese Labour Brigade here in France

I told him that I was not going to try that if they offered in the place I would accept it but that I was not going to run after it. I am glad to hear that you are getting ^{good} news from Missis + that Perrot and all are doing well. I am surprised that Missis has not got my address because I sent her my address in my last letter and that was about 6 weeks ago. Well in any case I am glad to hear that she got the first money for Perrot safely as I have asked my friend in England to send her cheque this time for Perrot's birthday + I hope she will get it safely. I just missed seeing Carrie the other day for when I got to his camp he had left half an hour before for the trenches, he is the Colonel of the 54th Battalion 4th Canadian Division and is very much liked by his men. Well I will close now as I have no other news to give you and hope to hear from you again soon, with kindest regards + the best of luck

Yours very sincerely
Gus



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