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NICE - 10-12.

Dearest Mother

Fear I have neglected you this week as have given myself up to the relaxation of being in this wonderful place with Sarah and already feel much better. No mail at all so far although it is being forwarded and hope for some before I go.

Monday 3rd Dec Bright and sunny but ground frozen hard so that the Easter of sure able to cross country up to — in front passing through the position of last January in —. Quite enjoyed the excursion as air lovely and crisp and clear. Found Bernard's dugout and then inspected those of his men to see if all as comfortable as possible. Had a good lunch with him and then started out on foot and visited 2 of his forward observation posts and spent half an hour at each looking over German back country. Near latter one ran into Vic Hunt and had a little chat with him and looked up Maurice Plummers battery on way out but he was not in.

Arrived back to — where Bernard gave us a cup of tea and we started in. Our horses pretty well as clipped and had to wait in afternoon. Got back about 8.00, very dark as no moon until later. They had kept dinner and had our usual supper.

afterwards. No letters from Canada. ^{NICE} 10-12-17

Thursday 4 Dec Two wandering officers
back from leave spent night with Mrs
and had breakfast. Full marching
order parade at 9.15 at which I
found things only fairly satisfactory.
Carried out a little exercise afterwards.
and was surprised when I got in to find
my warrant waiting for me. Cleared up
in office and tried to get a car from
Gumpel but his in workshop so fell
back on side car from M & B
and got off at 2.30 with 2000 francs which
I hope will see me through. Left
instructions with Mr. Smith about match
boxes etc as only expect to get back
a few days before I was. Had hoped
to have the 30 days and have spent both
times with Sallie. Very
cold so stayed at — and got a lot
of tea for my dinner and last half an hour
which I could have spared had we
not had trouble with our lamp and last
another hour and then when 8 kilos
from — had a blow out and if it had
not been for a kind Frenchman taking
me in his motor would have
missed my train but just made it.

Found Gayle & Chapman on train
so had company to Paris. Surprised

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Sarah in bed at Vermet looking very well I thought and quite taken back as did not expect me to be of week.

Like her hotel and surroundings very much although 7th floor very high in case of fire, but left presents fatigue.

Wednesday 4th Rinded to by and got away to NICE at once so had an early start. Went to Gare de Lyons and managed to get seats but no berths. Then commissaire de Police for Sarah's passport. Lunch at Cafe de Paris. Some shopping. Sallies Club to get leave for Sarah which was granted at once. Up to Vermet to pack. Ruffled for tea with Fayre & Chaffran. Handpinner for Hallie and I went up to Vermet for lunch. Dinner at Gare de Lyons and our seats about 7.30. Bought a pillow for Sallie and slept a little sitting up. Very cold and also in Paris. 4 uncoffers in compartment with us.

Campbell and Gachemuth just in so will send him and find him some apparent trouble. I'll love