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Dear Vera

Just a few lines to let you know we are still going strong. He had a great trip coming over, was not what you would call rough at any part of it. At the ports of call we made, the people there gave us a great hearing, also a good time, some of the boys had a great look round, lucky enough to be picked up by someone with a motor car, so they could go further into the country. Our first port of call was not so far from home & I met some of the people & they showed me around the place & believe me it was worth going along way to see, in fact at night from the position I saw the place, it was one of the best I have ever seen. Our next port of call was a great deal further perhaps you have heard most of them by this time, I had a good look round & saw most of the town, but wasn't lucky enough

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to get picked up
by motorcar, the gardens
were very pretty & well
cared for & they had some great
buildings there, in the same grounds
they had a museum & art gallery
so with some of the other boys we
had a good look round both of them,
one young chap we met was good
enough to take some photos of us &
said he would send them home
for us, whether they arrived or not
I do not know, but they should have
done by this time, I hope they turned
out alright. We arrived at very
near the place I landed last
time & believe me the scenery
was great, but we did not have
a chance to look round. The trip
from there all the way to camp
was full of scenery & most of the
way was very pretty, it's a great
place for trees over here & you see
them for hundreds of miles, in fact
where we are now has any amount
of them, oaks, pine, ash & others



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So far I have only had 3 days leave & went to the big smoke, it was the only place we could go at the time as most of the other places are out of bounds, but while we were there we saw plenty to interest us, it did not appeal to me as much as last time, some of the boys are having leave now for seven days, just a few at a time, they cannot let so many out at one time, as you know there is a war on over here just now, we have come at two exciting times but not much damage done so far. We are kept going in the way of devil etc. Have plenty of quite marches which by the way has got the best of me, a spill I had on the boat, seems to have left its mark behind. so I have got a shift for the time being, how long I will be on it I do not know. We get plenty of amusement in the camp in the way of concert parties & pictures &



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The boys always give them a good hearing. After the day's work we are allowed out of camp till lights out & there are plenty of places to go too, so far I have only been out once, so I ^{am} not having much fun, I will not be sorry when it comes my turn for leave, as I can go along & see some of Elsie's relations, who have given me an invitation to come along at anytime. Well I miss Elsie & the boys very much & most besorey when it's all over & to make matters worse, I have not received any letters from home yet, although any amount of the other boys have, so I hope they come along soon. Well I shall now draw this scribble to a close, hoping you are well & that everything is going well with you, hoping to hear from you sometime, with best love from

George

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