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Dearest Folks -

Hurray - I just got my  
first letter since I left the  
old homestead --- that letter  
you wrote me to New York on  
October 31<sup>st</sup> + It surely  
did seem good to see my name  
all spelled out on the front of an  
envelope. But first it was  
about time. Here's hoping  
they roll in voluminously soon.  
Everybody else here has been  
getting letters and Christmas  
packages, making me feel

rather lonely. Come on you mail,

The weather here has become quite cold, which of course adds to the hardship of getting up mornings, which was hardship enough before.

From all indications we will work all day Christmas, a rather unpleasant prospect. I should like to have one day for rest and recreation. But then, this is war (apparently).

I wish I could describe this town to you — but it is unfortunately taboos information. The place is very quaint and quite ancient — with a sort



of Nalo, frostbitten by war.

I'll tell you later.

Christmas only a few days  
off! I can see all the signs

in all of the papers and  
stores — "Do your Christmas  
shopping early". I hope you  
got the little bit I sent, and  
managed to make it go round.

I would much rather be there  
myself.

I suppose Page Jim is  
grown to be a big and mighty  
branch of the old tree by now.

I know Leah is back in her  
complete good health. Have they

moved to Green Bay yet?

These French people are a peculiar gang in many ways.

When three or four of them get started talking at once there is a worse hubbub than at the Lincoln Park Board House. They are very vociferous & at the place where we ate dinner last night there were two old Frenchmen about sixty a piece — who wrote notes to each other all during the meal about everybody in the dining room. I was laughing so hard I couldn't eat. everybody shakes hands every time they see each other —



Morning, noon and night, at  
all hours and all places.

Great Custom!

We just had some harmony,  
every evening as we are finishing  
up work we start in, and  
believe me it surely ~~is~~ listens  
good. Also, we purchased a  
cheap mandolin tho' we don't  
have such time for playing  
it. But then its a comfortable  
thing to have around.

Christmas eve we are all  
going to attend the midnight  
mass at the Big deliciously old  
Cathedral — then go home  
and fill up our stockings.

I am sort of secretary to the  
Commanding officer here — and  
this is one of the biggest  
sections in France — so I  
hope to get a chara to get  
something better in the way of  
a transfer or commission before  
many months —

It is now time to eat  
how I rate to eat — as ever.

Please accept my season's

Love again for all —

Most affectionately

allow  
and please write often, sending along  
the Tribune once in a while.

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