



LES FOYERS DU SOLDAT

UNION FRANCO-AMÉRICAIN

12/28/1918

Camp Ronde  
Fontaine,

Near Verdun, Frce.



Dear Father and  
Sisters: Have a  
letter from June and  
Gladys, both dated  
Nov. 30th.

Have not received  
my Xmas box yet,  
but about 60% of the  
boys are in the same



straits. Aunt Mary was wrong about being on way home, I too, were mistaken.

But at present all rumors are to the effect of our departure from this warring land not later than Jan. 25th. We'll move from our present position to near to a little city of some size. We will occupy a Chateau formerly the quarters of French Generals during the war. I'll tell you all about it when we get moved.

This morning I mailed you and J.W. each a small cigar box filled with mistletoe, hemlock, and wild red French forest berries which we gathered in Normandy - land near Audernont for decorating



our Mess Hall for<sup>2</sup> our 6 o'clock Xmas dinner. Certainly had a beautiful table and room that night. Big American Turkey at \$1.01 per lb was the guest of honor.

The night before Xmas it started snowing and never ceased until the day after Xmas. A more beautiful Xmas, I have never seen. No wind, and snow piled up on the tree branches  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch deep. It was one of those Washington snows like we had about.

But now it is raining again. The ground has only been frozen a bit on one ~~occasion~~ occasion.



Just paper my corner of our little  
home with late Saturday Evening  
posts and made me coat and shirt hangers  
galore and too, I promoted a bunch of  
fresh hay for feathers, (had a new bed  
sack). But am to take every thing when  
we move. Wish you could see my little  
home. I have now learned how to brighten  
the corner where you are and keep  
my clothes up off the floor and out of  
the corner as I used to do at  
home.

All the Argonians are well  
except Geo Dyer and he never writes  
from hospital.



Tell June not to buy me a lounging  
robe for if I recn't I cannot use  
it. Just keep your change.

Must close for this Saturday  
evening, as this is the physiological  
time for me to bathe. This is  
a hard life, work one day and rest one.  
My day off, slept until 8:30 ~~th~~ A.M.

Am enclosing a Menu of our  
Thomas dinner and some pop bottle  
~~labels~~ labels.

I wrote J.W. a letter this  
P.M. He offered me a good proposition



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on my return to  
the States. He  
has been & been  
fellow toward me  
I must say.



Main

Bel 7/30

~~7/30~~

CC 7  
Cross street  
and corner

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May get some mail this evening  
Will close for now, trusting all  
had a merry Christmas and wishing  
you a happy and prosperous New Year  
Remain Sincerely your son & bro,  
Mike.