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My Dear Sister

Jan Grossi Welcome letter rec'd last week had quite a few one day about eight thought that I was doing pretty good but they ceased just as quickly am expecting some Canadian mail in soon again. there seem to be something holding the mail up this last while back but I suppose that it will all come in one pile like lots of other times I wrote Mother & Ann Bessie a few days ago had a very nice parcel from Ann Bessie Lake Lodge Et had quite a feed I am still looking for my parcel from Home I hope that it did not go astray they do for a couple of weeks at times some fault with the Base Well I suppose that you are having a high time this winter skating and sleigh driving we never see any such a thing as snow or ice every thing just looks like spring time the grass is out and green could work all day in shirt sleeves from Chicago to last winter just think last winter I was walking in snow to my toes and this winter every thing warm this is a very pretty place and the people are just OK seems they can do enough for us want even leave us scrub and equipment servant

Emil does every thing the people are very wealthy
 have two little children Emil & Paz just small
 little girl is about the size of Jean and she just
 keeps after me steady they are all nice I would
 like for Jan all to see this country I am sure that
 Jan would all like it that is to visit her to
 live in really I do not think that I could live here
 every thing is so old fashioned that is the poor
 class I have to laugh at some of their Riggs
 there are four of us in a nice large Room in
 the East Wing of a large Chateau some Room
 equal large Windows like doors some shines in
 like gold in the mornings We get up at seven
 O'clock on Fridays wine dinner twelve supper
 at four walk around evenings go to bed at
 ten thirty generally have to get home could stay
 up all night if we wished to John and I have
 a little lunch every evening get a tin of straw
 Berries from the (C. M. C. A) that is when we have
 the money then cakes certainly come in good for
 evening lunch We have coffee and milk at the
 canteen have a nice little drink the only thing
 that we can get is something to eat with
 it I told Lillias in my last letter to make me

an odd Fruit Cake and I would test it for her you
 that is fair enough is it and Jan can help
 her like a good little sister and they will buy
 Jan Bath an extra Ice cream and Theatre Jan
 you will be able to fool Lloyd tell him that you
 are going to have a pie cake for supper and
 then she will buy the stuff for you and of course
 when he doesn't see any on the table at night
 tell him that you all made a failure of it
 and had to send it to the girls Jan will surely
 think that Sam Alder's Brother is getting fool
 ish and will have to send her a Brain Test
 instead of a Cake how kind you I am feeling O.K.
 and hope that you all are clear of that Flu and
 feeling well again I am going on leave for twenty
 four hours to Brussels will be able to write later
 and tell you all about it I am counting the days
 until Spring then we will all have some time
 give me love to all & yes tell Uncle Sam by
 post to have them records any until I come home
 as I want to hear some of his new Record now
 will be expecting to hear from you soon again
 be a good little girl from Sam ever
 loving Brother Meldon x + 9 1844