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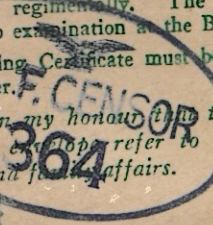
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Darling,

I expect you have been wondering why I have not written to you for this past week; I hope you haven't been getting worried about me. I have been out on a long job and I have covered some hundreds of miles in the last few days so I have been unable to get a letter to you. It isn't like just dropping a letter in a post box over here, we can't post them till we get back to our own headquarters and so I still happen to be

a good hundred and twenty
miles from there I shall have
to wait till I get back. We
have been very busy ever
since we came over and I
have only had time to receive
two of your letters, I haven't
yet been back to
collect your parcel. So you
can put your mind at rest;
I am perfectly safe and well.

I will tell you about our
drive through France. - I have
never seen people get so
excited when they see us
in all my life. Some of
the towns and villages we
passed through had ones
been cleared of the Germans
a few days and when

they realised we were English
"Anglais" they call as they
nearly go mad.

We drove one day over
two hundred miles and without
shooting a live ~~practically~~ practically
every person man woman and
child were in the streets to
wave to us. We stopped at one
big well known town for a couple
of days and we were allowed
time off to look around. But to
try to walk down the street
was impossible we were stopped
every two yards and had our
hand shook. Little girls no
older than eight were kissing
us on both cheeks like the
French people always do.

As we happened to be

the first three English boys
in the town we nearly got
mobbed. There was your husband
just near Mr. Beelinger signing
the back of peoples photographs
for souvenirs by the hundred.
We were lucky to be the
first lads in two of the
most important towns in France
you see at the moment we
happen to be in the American
sector.

German prisoners I have
seen plenty some of them in
civilian clothes who had
been left behind to do a
bit of sniping. We happened
to be in this town when
some free French lads caught
a fifth columnist and they

marched him down the street
with his hands on his head.
But you would just like
to see the hundreds of
red white and blue flags
here. They have them on their
cars bikes cars, wear
them on the arm and some
have them for hats. I have
been more than once presented
with a lovely bunch of
flowers; on the road.

They are very short of
transport here and I have
seen some funny vehicles
floating around, one was a
bike with a two-wheel
trailer; the fellow was on
the bike and his wife
sat in the box at the back.