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Dear Jean.

Upon referring to my little book I found it was time letter number 11 was on its way. don't worry don't give you the excuse of not writing because I'm sending you no mail, what number have you arrived at now, was it more than 11 by 1st May. don't try and cheat, you know forget the old numbers.

Well, has did you spend Easter? did you do any more weeding? perhaps there's nothing left to pull up now. in the garden, it's a pity they don't build a garden in terraces isn't it, think

PLEASE USE BOTH SIDES

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has much back ache that would save.
At the moment the large and
go ahead city of Troncton is in the
thross of a War Loan Victory effort. the
camp has arranged a programme for collect-
ion of much cash. We are running dances,
boxing tournaments, film, variety shows, and
so on, at the moment we have
raised \$20,000. & not had going. The
drive lasts for a month, so we have
plenty of entertainment these next few weeks.
Today they had a large procession through
Troncton, of course the Air Force were in
it. I was unlucky, managed to get
picked for the procession, its one result
of being tall, the crowds were pretty
good they even gave us a cheer and
took our photographs all along the
route, we had five brass bands in
all, each playing a different tune

also marching a different pace so you
 can imagine how we felt being sandwiched
 in between two of them, personally I
 thought our display was lousy but of
 course the locals didn't know any different
 so everyone was happy, we had a W.A.A.F
 detachment as well. I thought to myself
 perhaps Jean will be doing this when I
 get back, it's a pity you're ~~so~~ bit
 over average height, you'll be grabbed
 for all the local displays, I will get
 my camera out that day, you'll have
 to get some button polishing hours in.

Last night our camp variety show
 went on the radio over the local network
 had quite a good write-up in the press

but it was on Friday we had a treat, Larry Adler, the Harmonica player (mouthorgan to you) gave us a show. He's really a wizard artist, got down amongst the lads and really had a great time.

Have had a letter from home dated 12th April, took just 12 days, pretty good going I thought, expect I shall be receiving some from you soon, number 4 was the last one.

Well, not a lot more to tell you, here are a few things I have noticed in this part of the world.

- (a) The beer is lousy. (b) Confectionery very dear.
- (c) Banadians rarely use a knife when feeding.
- (d) Am fed up with eggs. (e) Banadians say we talk too fast they can't understand us.
- (f) Banadian girls are afraid the English girls are going to mop up all the eligible Banadian bachelors, our boys won't play at all.

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of course, these are only my personal opinions, as you know my first impression is usually a lasting one for me.

Suppose now I've started a fresh sheet I better talk about something else to fill it up, what shall it be? the weather? food? (a subject very near to my heart). or you? upon reflection I've been quite polite in this letter so far so perhaps I had better keep it so, I must have one of your letters to do full justice to myself.

To my surprise am down the bottom of this page, so the weather it must be. at the moment, the sun is shining, its quite warm, two weeks look as though

⁶ they are contemplating dive-bombing an unsuspecting airman asleep outside of the billet — so they didn't think the target was worth while. Expect by this last page you will think am going crackers, but it's just the fact that 9 weeks in this hick town is beginning to get on my nerves. I want to get this course over and get back to Haysgate and district.

Well, all the best for the time being, take care of yourself and don't rouse the long suffering pedestrians to many shocks on your way to work, to turn you loose with a bridle is sheer lunacy.

With these closing remarks,

Believe

Yours
Jacks