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Dear Jean.

Here's another few pages from this dump, am feeling like the oldest inhabitants now, can remember when the snows were here and can shoot a terrific line to the newcomers about how cold it was.

at the moment there is no progress to report regarding posting, expect about 10 years after the armistice they will discover we're still here.

However, managed to get another weekend at Saint John, as funds were a bit low decided to hitchhike there, it's about 97 miles, so all took me

² 6 hours, it's not too easy now as
gas is rationed out here and there are not
a lot of people travelling. However, I
had a jolly decent time, added one or
two snaps to my collection although one
of them nearly got me put in the
local jail, it happened to be a prohibited
area which I didn't know about.

How are you faring? Heard any
more from the R.A.F.? you know it's
surprising how the time goes in the service
the first three years are the worst.

Our ~~the~~ efforts towards raising money
for the Youth War Loan are still going
strong, the camp has raised \$60,000
this last fortnight, there has been some
good entertainments as well. Last
Monday we had Matt Kenny and his
Western Gentlemen (merely a common or

garden dance bands) the hoppino to be rated 'Canada's No. 1. Bands.' is pretty good, but cannot touch our top-line bands. There were 3,000 people to hear them broadcast over C.B.C.'s 35 stations, of course it was a sponsored program by 'Boca-Kota', that poisonous drink which the Yanks seem to live on, however it was quite a good show and there was dancing after the broadcast.

Tuesday and Wednesday the local camp people gave 4 variety shows which were pretty good, of course very topical, plenty of small plays taking the rise out of different sections on the station, however there were several other shows by different camps some of them quite professional.

Tonight we should see some good boxing as there are several well-known local boxers taking part.

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think I will go and have 25⁰ worth.
Have managed to get caught for
a funeral party, its the first death on
the unit so there is a big military
funeral with band, bugles and so forth.
We have been practicing these last two
days as its quite a big affair. the
only thing is that we have 6 miles
to march, shall be glad to get home
to camp again.

Well, theres not a lot more to write
about, hope you are quite well and not
so overworking, (if thats possible) give my kind
regards to Mother & Dad

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Yours
Jack