My dear Mother and Dad:

Many many happy returns of this day. How I wish I were only back for just a few hours today, to help you celebrate this anniversary. Though your method may be a little different this year, I trust that you both are in the best of spirits and are enjoying excellent health. Let my absence, this day, be the least of your worries, for I am enjoying life in Merry England. Tonight we are to conclude our program with a dance. The hangar, occupied by our group, is all scrubbed and polished up in great style, and the flags of the Allies are to be seen everywhere. Each of the boys in said group has made a small contribution, and in that manner enough money was collected to
Dear Sir,

I appreciate your interest in my application for active service. I am confident that my skills and experiences make me a suitable candidate for the position advertised.

I have been working in the field of [insert field] for the past [insert years] and have gained a wealth of experience in [insert relevant areas]. My current employer, [current employer], has praised my [insert specific skills or accomplishments].

I am particularly interested in the [insert specific role or project] aspect of your organization and believe my background would be a valuable asset in this area.

I am available for interview at your earliest convenience and look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can contribute to your team.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
supply light, music, and refreshments, to all our invited guests.

Now if that isn’t typical Yankee spirit, “Well, I want to know,” The boy who are in the thick of it would do the same thing, too. I’ll bet if they could find a dugout big enough. However, I guess, from the reports, they are tired enough to sleep, whenever they get a minute off.

Essi, you are very rude! God, I know, we are far from the fighting, but not quite so far that we do not get news of these here war. For many months we have read the reports, but if luck is with us, we are going to be in on the finish. It was not our choice to put where we are. Things are pretty bright now, but do you remember the condition of things when we landed here? God! we were slow to believe that such a change
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could be brought about, and were ever waiting the call that would take us over. Now, we are beginning to listen for that call. Can you imagine how we should feel, if the fighting should suddenly cease, and peace be declared, while we are yet in England?

That was very thoughtful of Aunt Edw. to send that clipping. I nice little verse, but I've seen better pictures of May.

The papers, along with most of my mail, must have gone west, for I have not received an letter in the past month. So now, you see what happens when I fail to write frequently. For the past two months, I have received my mail, not as something to be expected, only as a surprise.

Ossie speaks of the Spanish Influenza. My! But she is formal.
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Over here, we just call it "the flu." And just a trifle annoying, but it was one of our minor difficulties. If any of you have had it, well, you probably got it out of one of my letters. But now, it is about over, and only rarely, you see a casualty, as a result.

Did Ed get his commission? If he did, had him my congratulations. On the level, I can't get chance to write much. Am going to do my best to get a line to Aunt Louise tomorrow. But how I hate to write a letter of condolence.

Hoping that you are well, happy and enjoying life. German.

Affectionately,
Richard.

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