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## 1918-03-11, Albert to Laura

Albert W. Parsons

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March. 11. 1918  
Troop K. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cav.  
Amer. forces in  
France.

Dear Laura:

Just a few lines to  
let you know I am O.K.  
Have not had a letter from  
you or Doris for a long  
time:

Got a letter from home  
the other day saying Sid.  
was going home, but had  
rough luck, on account  
of the bay at Bar Harbor  
being frozen up.

He is foolish I think  
for not staying where  
he was and learning  
the trade he started in  
on, because there is going  
to be a big demand for  
expert men in that line.

Did you have a bad winter  
around Otter Creek?

We have had one  
continued rain and snow  
up to three days ago, the  
last three ~~last~~ <sup>days</sup> been  
perfect spring weather.

As the radio <sup>boys</sup> still going  
around, kicking up the  
O.C. dust? I'd bet they  
make the old burg lively.

I wish we had some kind  
of a dance hall over where  
we are, all we have is a  
Y. M. C. A. and movies every  
Thursday night.

We are all glad when  
pay day comes around as  
I've can celebrate it in  
our own little way.

Every thing is getting to be as high as the Dickens.

One franc equals 20¢ of our money.

We pay 3<sup>fr</sup> a box for sardines, that would cost about 15¢ in the states, a bar of chocolate is 1½<sup>fr</sup>, and every thing I can think of is high as the devil.

The people here seem to live on vegetable soup, Bread, cheese, and red wine.

Of course they have meats, fish and other things but not so often as the people in the states do.

When we first came here we paid 6<sup>fr</sup> or \$1.20 a dozen

for eggs, but they are only  
3<sup>5</sup> now.

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people around O. C. have  
started in to do their  
planting by this time.

What is Clayton doing?

Tell Doris she owes me  
a letter, I wrote to her last.

And give my regards to  
Aunt Alice if you see her.

With love will love to  
you and Clayton and the kids.

Yours as ever.  
A.

1 lb. Fat.  
2 Barrels  
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1 clog Barnard

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[[written in another's handwriting:]]

1 lb. Tah.[?]

2 Bread

2 lb. Cokies [*sic*]

1 doz Bannanns [*sic*]