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I am quite well with the exception of a slight cold which is to be expected over here as the climate doesn't correspond.
the small articles & bring them back with me, but the larger things I will have to scrap as they would be too much to carry around.

No further news I will close with love.

Write often.

with the sunny France you read about.

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I have all sorts of souvenirs which I would like to send home, but we are only permitted to send certain things. I have a collection of swords, pistols, helmets, gas masks & enough buttons & badges to start a curio shop. I will keep
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