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Dear Jim:

Had a letter from Mabel
and when she said you had
sent the Cigarettes which I
received O.K., I thought I'd
drop you a line, instead of
saying thank you in her letter.

The cigarettes we get from
Canada are a real treat on
account of them costing so
much here and the quality
isn't near as good as Canadian
brand. we get some from
different firms at times, the
best were from Zip Top Sailors.
we are having some pretty
nice weather here now, the

trees are all leafed out, and
do they even go for flowers here,
every little cottage to mansion
has flowers in their front lawn.
was up to London on leave a
week ago and had a small time.
They are still going strong
despite the Air raids, it's rather
quite at night but in the day
time the streets are crowded
and you would never know there
was a war on. I connect myself
there about it being quite at
night, but all the time we
were there, there wasn't a raid.
Buckingham Palace had a piece
knocked off it, but there's still
a lot there yet. while we were
standing looking at it, the
Queen drove out on one of her
tours to the bombed areas and
I felt quite a thrill at

selling her for the first time.
They are looking for Canadians
to help on the farms and were
around to our regt yesterday
they didnt have any trouble
getting volunteers, because it
would be a nice change from
the army routine. Some of the
boys are getting rather fed
up on waiting so long for
action, but I see Hitlers
night hard men left him the
other night so things dont look
so bad.
well its half-past ten and still
bright, so will close for now
and do some shining up for
the morning. Sincerely
Billy.