Dear Sumner:

Good morning!

At this particular moment of writing we have not heard from you in two days. It may well be that this morning's mail at Bolton Street will bring word from you, since there the mail is delivered somewhat later than here; and it may be that you have not had time to write in detail. In this latter regard, you should not feel it necessary to write a lengthy letter every time you put pen to paper. A postal card will do on many an occasion. Please do not hesitate to use air mail. That is why I sent you the stamps.

Uncle Louie wrote that he had written you a letter which might well have been entitled "Advice from an Officer to a Rookie". He is very anxious to keep in touch with you and will follow your progress very closely.

Are you getting the newspaper?

No special news for the moment.

Affectionately,