

Somewhere In France
Sept. 13.-18.

Cheif B.F.Dowell

% Portland Fire Dept.

Dear Friend :::::Received Your welcome letter today also the Recommendation for which I thank you and I hope that I may be able to make good on the proposition that I am after Thanks to you.

Well there is sure somechange in the Dept.now since the Draft has hit the Dept.so strongly lots of new faces in it by this time.

Really you cannot realize how much that I appreciate those letters from you and those characteristic writings of the boys in the house and all over the Dept from all my friends.

Beleive me those letters will sure be very good things to keep as remembrances of my time in this country overhere,sorry to hear about Lloyd Prideaux but as we all know that is one of the misfortunesof War.

Pat Keegan who used to be at I7 eng. and who also rode with Batl.Cheif Young passed through hear the other day and I had an occassion to talk to him for a few moments.

Tell Lon D~~o~~nson that I am glad he got on the Pension and that I wish him all kinds of luck on his new job.

About all of the old bunch is also gone from Police Hdqts. between the draft and the Ship Yards there isnt anyone left at all.

Tell Miss Falk Your Stenographer that I thank Her very much for her remembrance in the letter to me from the Bunch and that I send her my regards from France also tell Her that if her"Him" has to come to France thatI wish Him all the success that can be had overhere and that he will safely return to Her.

Well Cheif give my BEST to everybody and tell them all that I thank them very much for their remembrances in the letter and heres hoping that I will be with them all soon .

Sgt.Wm.J.Costello
Motor Supply Train 406
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asEver *Jae.*
Engine #1 P.F.B.