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Martigny-les-Bains Dec. 27, 1918

My dear Mother:

Still at Martigny but do not think we shall be here much longer. The soldiers are getting ready to move over into the occupied German country.

I have not yet received a letter from Canton since leaving New York. I wonder how you are. I wonder what you did Christmas day.

I am writing every week at least and I trust that you are hearing from me with a fair degree of regularity.

We have a lot of special things here for Christmas and we were quite busy. Now it is quiet again. The number of hospital patients is steadily decreasing.

The weather continues mild. No rain now for three days. On the higher hills there is a little snow. This morning the little puddles of water had a little ice. It is probably melted now.

The President was at Langes/the day before yesterday. That is 59 kilometers from here. His daughter Margaret Wilson with a small group of musicians is giving concerts for the soldiers - French and American. She is to be at Martigny - les-Bains New Years it is announced. When we told them at our boarding house that the President's daughter was coming to Martigny they would not believe it. They thought we were joking.

The French think a great deal of President Wilson. He is about the greatest man in the world to them.

I hope that you are well and everyday I look for those delayed letters.

With love,
Ceylon