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Dear Alice

Your letter of May
seventeenth reached me in the
Canadian mail this week and I
shall try to answer it although
news is very scarce.

Jack wrote me in the same
mail enclosing a proof of a photo
taken recently and offering me
one which offer I have naturally
accepted. Tedger has arrived
safely in England as a chap,
just over from there tells
me. I am glad that he got
the job which is a good one
and ought to help him
quite a bit to get on his feet
again financially.

I suppose, from what you

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say, that duty desert will
be over here with the Third
or Fourth Contingents. There are
only a few R.C.R. officers actually
on active service which must be
a source of disappointment to
them. Did I tell you that
Billy Pope had been invalided
to England. His nerves gone
out up at Ypres so I do not
suppose he will be back.

N. Chivas is still in the
2^d Divⁿ Ammⁿ Column but I am
trying to exchange a few of my
new men for some from
my old section there so he
may be with the Twelfth before
very long. His brother, I think,
was in the Tarvit Highlanders.

I had a letter a couple of months ago from Jack Hunt telling me about his engagement. She is a widow and is now nursing in some military hospital. I wrote and congratulated him but have had no word since.

Wrote Jack also wrote me and said that Bob was to leave Montreal that week with his regiment as dismounted troops. If that is so he is not coming as O. C. Divisional Cavalry but wrote Jack may have been misinformed.

The Lobatts would be glad if the Hannigans

or perhaps anyone else brought
Endiang though there are
enough of them left to
occupy it if Mrs. Scatcherd
were to stay in London.

Today my guns have not,
so far, fired a shot but
we are not often so quiet. We
have taken part in several
scrap here and another was
to have come off this week
until wet weather necessitated
a postponement. We have now
been at the front four months
and the Allies have hardly
progressed at all. There is
certainly a whole lot to be
done if the war is to be
brought to a close before

the end of the year.

I am enclosing clipping from Free Press on which I have commented in red pencil. I also enclose a clipping from the Times re death of Tuxie Amosden's brother. It is rather peculiar that I noticed it as there are usually as many notices of this sort and one does not generally read them.

I had two more men wounded the other day, neither of them seriously. One had only arrived the day before from England with reinforcements. It is funny how some should have gone through it all and others get it almost as soon

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as they land.

We have had three days of rain and everything is muddy again and the ditches full of water. My dugout was swamped so I have moved into a room in a semi-ruined farm house not far away. However despite the wet we are all fairly comfortable. At the moment of writing McEwen is back at the wagon line in charge of the horses, Leandrett is observation officer in the trenches, McLoggert is with me at the guns and Maguire is out improving our telephone wires. The latter

from a very complicated system and at present we have between five and six miles of wire out. These wires are all the time being cut by shells and men have to patrol them all the time.

There are dozens of batteries in this vicinity and as each one has a similar system you can easily imagine the network of wires that covers the country. One trips over and runs into them everywhere.

If Lottie is still with you tell her that I shall answer her last letter in a day or so. If Bob has really

gone. I suppose it won't be
very long before she follows
him as far as England. There
is nothing to write about so
I shall have to close. With
best love

your bro.

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