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what I can see of the organization works. I think it should be about the end of the month before the division can sail. The infantry may go before but the artillery have a lot of work ahead of them.

I had a note from Aunt May the other day and will go down and see her at first opportunity. The camp is only 16 miles from Quebec but the train service is hopelessly upset.

I saw Gordon Hunt and one or two others from London last night but have not wandered far

Valcartier Camp  
3rd Sept. 1914.

Dearest Mother

I received your letter of Saturday last night and was very glad to get it. I have command of the first section of the ammunition command and hope to retain it although of course all the appointments published are provisional. I have 175 men and as many horses and Col. Penhale of Sherbrooke is over me.

We are now full up for men and officers and have a good many horses but as far as other equipment, from



from our lines as there  
is so much to do. Today  
the men are being  
medically examined and  
I suppose a small percentage  
will be rejected. They are  
also collecting data as to  
officers records and some  
of the permanent appointments  
may be expected at any time.  
Col. Burstall has been  
given command of the  
artillery and everyone is  
pleased at this.

There are a tremendous  
number of R. M. C. men  
here including a great many  
who have no appointments  
but who are hoping to  
pick something up! I  
bought a picture the other  
day showing Hughes and

all the officers here  
forming three sides of a  
square with the Minister  
in the centre. My copy  
will be sent to me at  
London and it had better  
be kept there. It is  
coming from Winnipeg and  
will hardly arrive before  
a couple of weeks. I am  
enclosing receipt and if it  
has not arrived by the  
time you get back to  
London please write about  
it.

There are over 33,000  
troops under canvas here  
and the camp covers  
a very large area. Things  
are in confusion but  
will soon be getting



into fairly good shape.  
It rained the day we  
arrived and has rained  
more or less every day  
since except today which  
is beautiful. The Lamentations  
are to the north of us  
here and two fair sized  
mountains form a background  
for the camp. Peggy is  
well and seems to be  
thriving but she does  
not get very much to  
do.

I had a letter from Jth  
and also a note from  
Arthur Little enclosing  
\$100.00 for the men  
of the Battery from



his mother. This was  
very kind and will be  
much appreciated but I  
hardly know just what  
prompted it.

I will try and write as  
often as I can and will  
endeavor to keep you posted  
as to our movements. One  
thing is sure and that is  
we will not be leaving  
for some weeks and then  
it is more than likely that  
we go to England. Best  
love to all  
your devoted son  
Wood.