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DIVION

2 Nov 1916

My very dear Father

I have a chance of sending this over by Dawson who is going on leave tomorrow so can tell you where we are; at DIVION a small mining town about 15 miles N.W. of ARRAS and 8 miles S.W. of BETHUNE. The nearest town of any size is BAUAY which is a mining centre of some importance. We are on the western portion of the mine area of France and there are coal mines all around us which are being worked night and day. I intend trying to visit you at first opportunity.

I want to say a few words about the maps I sent you when on leave which may be helpful to you.

N.W. EUROPE⁽²⁾ { Sheet 10 Part of 4
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These two maps overlap a little and I would suggest you cutting the bottom of sheet 10 Part of 4 and pasting them together and putting them on the wall. They will show you all the places Woodar I may be at and also the line from the channel to the Sanyue and much further south. It is really an excellent map.

Scale 250,000 which means 1 inch on map equals 250,000 inches or practically four (4) miles. All the smaller scale

maps we use $\frac{1}{100,000} = 1'' = 1\frac{1}{2}$ miles

$\frac{1}{40,000} = 1'' = \frac{1}{2}$ mile

$\frac{1}{10,000} = 1'' = \frac{1}{8}''$

are based on it and developed from. I think you should find it very useful. I think I sent you the line part 4

sheet a year ago but am not sure.
The LESAR sheet shows the
route followed by our cavalry
patrol on the Somme on
26th-27 Oct last.

The OVILLIERS sheet shows some
of woods of my forward billets
during September & October.

The MARTIN PUNCIET sheet shows
a reconnaissance I made with
Cachshutt & 2 sergts on night of
16th-17 Oct.

The WYSHATE sheet is now
and one showing part of our
front on the old PREP sheet.
I also sent diary no. 9. I forgot
you which ones you have but
I have several with my extra
kit at Sellindge.

I also sent sometimes a
graphic of Oct 6th with very
accurate accounts of our cavalry
work. I would like you to keep

one of each for me ⁴ the others
you can do what you like with.
Practically all the "Canadian
Cavalry" casualties during left
fleet were out of our regiment
although the ward of Carps was left
out.

The helmets I sent were taken near
COURCELLETTE, one of a dead
Hun and the other of a prisoner
yours is the former with bullet
holes in it. The brass ring
which was broken in taking
it over could be repaired by a
couple of small rivets or heads.

I am enclosing ^(expense) ASME
bill for \$15 which please pay.

Your letter of 10th Oct came
a week ago and of 16th Oct today
I am a little worried about Wood
as I have not heard from him

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since going on leave, now nearly 3 weeks. The Canadian artillery is still on the same point and was to remain about 3 weeks after the Corps so I hope they will be up here very soon now as they have had a long trying edge of it down below.

I sent the cable "well" today as we agreed that no news was to be considered "all well" as far as cables now go, although generally by and get direct word from Wood before sending them, in which case cable "both well". You must not therefore take "well" to mean anything except that I have no direct word from him just before sending it.

about the additional extension to machine shop would say that

I personally, in view of balance sheet, do not feel like approving of it unless the majority insists on it. On the other hand I strongly oppose moving sheet from staff to boiler, staff shop and would rather you build the addition that you put the S. I. shop to B 5 last bay.

Will try and clear communicate with Wood soon and cable result.

It is possible he has gathered unexpectedly as I did which would account for my not leaving. I hope so.

I wired his Brigade today for word of him, as it is possible they are holding his other letters for his return.

If you are writing Will Leonard tell him to keep us posted as to his movements

I expect his regiment will be broken up and sent over as reinforcement drafts, in which case he will likely eventually be posted to a regiment over here.

If he lets us know when that time comes and "what regiment" we will be possibly able to see him. I admire what he has done very much. The Leonard's are well represented as the only 3 males of pubescent age are over and the other are nobly engaged in munition work. We saw nothing to be ashamed of as a family.

You must be glad to have Mather and Alice back and am sure the change has done them good.

About Sally, I would urge bringing her to Lakewood as the cheapest alternative. As long

as she was fed, ⁸ the grooming
could look after itself and
you might get a bit use of her.

Thanks for V.M.C.A circular. I
am afraid I adhere to the views
I have already expressed.

I endorse your policy about
keeping back business going.
It has been and will be our
"sheet anchor" as you say.

Poor Thomas was court-martialled
for drunkenness and reduced to
prison. He was not very much
to blame and I think should have
been given another chance but
as I said the matter was out of
my hands. Please keep this
strictly to yourself & make false as
I got angry it made public and
hope he will retrieve himself

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some time. He has not often fallen
and is a fine chap. yet did taking
it like a man and "playing the game"

Will send Mr. Perie a card at Xmas.
Please let me know of any more of your
old friends or of our business
friends who would like me to
remember. It might be well to
let a few of our customers and
friends know whom we purchase
from what wood we are doing.
Send as large a list as you like.

I gather that G. S. Gibbons & E. S.
Litt are the forthcoming Liberals.
The latter family has NOT
played the game as far as the war
is concerned, although MacEwen
tells me he heard of George
being down with the PPCL. Darwin
below

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I hope you will get on better with
Mr. Everett. It may be far
the best after all.

I had a note from Mr. Rawell
from Paris when he was over and
later received a marked copy of a
Toronto paper with his speech in it.

I do hope you will be able to greatly
increase your output of shells.
It is what you & the woman must
work for.

I want to congratulate you on
your diary letters which are
beautifully worded (if you will
permit me to say so) and am so
glad you feel the help that a
good stenographer can be to you
and am sure realize all the time
it saves.

I am glad you are helping old
Lucy. She is a faithful sayer

and if possible "shp up" your
truce dont be too hard on him.

Once again let me wish you
very many happy returns of 16th
after the Angel and every blessing
which nobody in the world
deserves more than you do.

I hope the helmet reaches you
in good order and in time.

Very much love

your devoted son
Jbb

N.B. A stenographer would be
much appreciated by EJL
once in a while and might
make my letters more legible