

From the holdings of
Western Archives, Western University

jobs. I am getting along very
well with "straw" and helping all
I can and therefore I hope playing
the game. So sorry you have to wait
for your letters now. Could you
not call for them at the P.O.? as Lane
says.

There was some gas near us
on Tuesday and it got quite a few
but our guns kept the Hun on his
own side of the fence. Marking parties
got it worst as they had their coats
off and their helmets ^{away} and a lot
could not get them at all or in time. It
was very powerful and the breeze so
light that it hung around a long
time.

I think it a mistake to go back to
the old time, it does seem so foolish
but these people are that way. I will
come in time I think but people
are not quite educated up to it

In the Field
10th August

My dearest Alice
Very many happy returns
of 31st and may we be together
when next it comes around. I
wish I was there to give you
the required number of kisses
(30 or 29?) The time does fly!
My dear dear sister. Love
including an order on dear F.E.
which I want you to spend on
your own dear self with my
very best wishes. It is impossible
to send anything from here and
besides I don't know what you
want.

have not suffered much and personally I rather enjoy
it as long as it is not muggy. I had a good
work out tonight at polo for an hour and it did me
good although I was hitting wet and my pony too
afterwards. Mothers "progams" are delicious. Saw
munching some now. I understand now that the first
parcel with raisins was from you and the second one from
her. How can I thank you enough, you are so thoughtful.
I have a pair of new oox (!) now and they fit me
very well too. Am rather enjoying the training
we are doing now and it gives the little nicks
do which is a relief. I must say I hate irresponsible

you have been an angel about
writing but I know you would
feel repaid if you saw Wood
and I reading them and knew how
much they are appreciated. I
think two lately have been unannounced
24th June about Gen Hughes being
sounded to poor old Shaw and
enclosing the lovely snaps of the
three babies and yours of 23rd July
which I have before me now but
will pass on to Wood likely tomorrow

I am so sorry you have all
suffered so much from the heat
so much. It must have been
bad and so continuous and I know
how much Mother especially feels it.
She is a wonderful woman and I
cannot help admiring her character
more and more as time goes on.
It has been hot here but we

after being my own boss and in touch with things
for so long. However I am making his best of it.
you had better address me.

Lt Col Hobson Leonard
Canadian Corps Cavalry Regiment
B. E. F.

Very much love dear Alice and vice again
very many happy returns

Your loving brother
J.H.

and I believe is expected over here
soon.

Thank Edna again for hay fever
cure I am trying it faithfully
although perfectly free at present
moment yet expect another dose
the end of the month.

So glad Wood has his promotion
I cabled today about it and
suppose Father will put it in the
press now.

I don't see why Father should
not get you and Mother's box.
I am sure you could learn to run
it very soon. I will write him
suggesting same.

All my old officers are still in
"B" Squadron except Spencer
who is quartermaster. My duties
are practically nil which is so hard

yet. It is ^{the} working well over
here but then the whole country
has it.

I don't think Mrs Betts will see
her boys until October as we
hear there will be no leave until
then and perhaps even later.

I think I told you the facts
about Teddy Harris so won't repeat
and so glad Lorna is better. Do
you remember how she & Ronald
called before I left?

I will be so glad to read
Saturday night about Camp Barden
Sir Sam is figuring in the
English papers a good deal just now