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Tuesday 11th Sept. Saw officers class going over
the jungle line. They are improving, and
afterwards made a raid myself. Recommended
one officer for an M.C. for his good work in
front during last show. Have about 3 hours
office work a day part of which I do in the
A.M. and finish up in evening after the
pals. A & Hqts played B & C but were badly
beaten as our five best players in "C", but
very good fun. Inspected the working party
of 50 men at 6.00 P.M. and saw them off
in 2 lorries with Street (one of our old
B Iqdr sergeants) in charge. He now
has a commission and a D.C.M. Played a
rubber of bridge after dinner which I quite
enjoyed. No mail again but wrote
about Ella and Alice. Finished reading the
"High Heart" in S.E.P. which I considered
very unusual and broadly written story.

Wednesday 12th Sept. Have had to
discontinue off recruits classes due to
shortage of men but am still keeping
the officers going and doing superb
their work. Fitted gas masks to our
horses. They do look funny in them
but do not seem to mind them and are
like a lot of boys in school and when
one starts to cough they all follow
suit. Inspected all our bullets and

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cookers at noon. Have bought white
springs for the cooke and make them use little
bags for making tea as the last men do not.
get dregs and the tea can be taken out before it
gets too strong. Had an early lunch and rode
down to R.C.D. race meet with Smith and quite
enjoyed it. Some very good races and quite a
lot of betting. They gave us tea and we rode
home (about 12 miles) across country at 6.00
getting in for a late dinner. At 10.15 I was
flustered and condensed milk on apple
pie was too much for me although quite
unusual for me to be affected. Letters from
Hurst and Sarah, farmers getting married
so send my congratulations. He is a
fine chap of many parts.

Thursday 13th Left but with classes as
usual as we must take full advantage of
good weather. They were at sword work
and drumming training. Got old Britton
who is going on leave to buy some polo
balls. Doing fair progress on stables, as
the men seem to need constant pushing.

Played a rebus match but were beaten
again. It is very hard on the wrist and
needs a lot of practice. Schooled some horses
for the men's jumping event at R.C.D.
sports on Saturday. Wrote Ethel and
Sarah but small mail again.

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Friday 14th Sept. Made an early start and rode
up to ~~the~~ with Rockham as companion, and
climbed our horses on top of ridge located the
old 3rd Brigade Headquarters and had lunch
with Lt Col MacDonnell in his dugout, an old
German gun pit very nicely fitted up. None
of the old staff left. He told the loss of four
shirts very much. Betts away on a
course. He is suffering from dysentery
himself and does not look very well.

Things comparatively quiet. Rushed on
to Campbell's working party in front and
inspected their dugouts to see if all necessary
gas precautions were being taken. They
are on "mantamane" of a section of the
tramways and responsible for it and busy
reballasting. Then walked up the line
for nearly an hour and located three
parties in an old mine, some of the men
lying under the battered boilers, pipes and
cables and structural steel all in a hopeless
mess. Engines and dynamos hopelessly
battered about. It makes any mechanical
part such to see them all. There is going to
be a great demand for engineering and
mechanical equipment for many years
after the war is over. They are working
on waterworks and are putting a sandstone

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remain on a hill in forward area, all ready for future use. Hardly any houses being used as tramways carrying practically everything. Then walked on to Rube's party in next village. They had some mortar squabs in last bombardment and had their make ups for 2 hours straight but no casualties. Had dinner with him and arranged to get out a stone he had saved for the mine. Started back about 7.00 after having made round and riding slowly got back about 10.00. Always think of dead

Wood as I pass his old billet of last winter. Found two letters from dear mother of 26th & 26th August from Placiel and one from Alice of same date. Am so happy to know you had such a lovely time there. It is a beautiful spot. Sarah's sister in law (Mrs F. C. Brimlow jr) was there with her family (the McDonalds) in their cottage and I am wondering if by any chance you ran into her. Better than Edward Aikman who was on leave in Paris. I felt so badly that I had not known so as to have put him in touch with Sarah. She will be so disappointed too and perhaps waited on him without knowing it. He apparently has made no further

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progress about his commission but will
try and see why and perhaps urge him as
best again, although I don't like to too
much as Aunt Birdie did not say much
about it when she wrote me and I am not
quite sure how she feels and he certainly
now has a comparatively safe job in the
D.A.C. Did I tell you I had a nice letter
from Jack Sabbath. Please thank him for
it and say I will write. He evidently
met Uncle Jack and Jim on the Saguenay.

Saturday 15 left another beautiful day
no class so game officers leave to go
down to R.C.D. sports with men but we
did not win anything. Five new new
officers arrived to complete the 10
additional ones we are now allowed. Have
not sized them up yet except one of our
old ones who I would just as soon not
have had back. Took a cross country
gallop alone. The snow should be
coming hard in Paris today and it
will be a nice change for us as from
the winds are nothing to grow fat on.

Campbell gazetted as "acting Captain"
Fair headway being made with stables
Had a pole practice in PM and bred
out a new pony. Worked in office
until 7.00. Letter from Sarah who

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sometimes naturally feels a little anxious about her mother. I only enjoyed a rubber of bridge after dinner, but tired so did not sit up late.

Sunday 16th left Warr and summerlike. I hope we get another month of it although days growing perceptibly shorter. Spent morning in office at weekly returns and then looked over stables. We are able to get material for this purpose but nothing else. Spencer brought in a quest for hutch and I pushed one now and interrupted 8 more for commissions afterwards as they are now allowing a few more to apply. I watched a game of baseball on field from 2.30 to 5.00 and then knocked the ball around a bit, getting very warm and as late and no time to cool off I rode home in shirt sleeves but dressed just before getting to town so as not to create a dangerous precedent. Cold beef, salad, celery, plum pie and fresh plums for high tea to which I did ample justice. Played a rubber of bridge and then came to my room to write. Will cable Eselle this week for her birthday.

Will write you a few lines as well and also Sabah, so will close with very much love

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