

Saturday June 30th. Up at 5.30 and out for
call call and found things rather unsatisfactory.
One squadron orderly officer not present at all
and men late getting out. I do not believe
now in interfering too much but certainly
will have to take some steps, and therefore
am ordering all officers to leave stables for
a time at least. Had one squadron
commander and the O.O. in question up
before me and gave them a good call without
losing my temper. Attended all sides
and had occasion to give two other officers
a call down, one of whom "answered back"
which I will not forget. Rainy and
miserable. Watched recruits gunning
which I consider part of their training. Spent
afternoon in office and after due
consideration took some steps to remedy
the irregularities that I fear exist. Made
out a new orderly officers report and
compiled some notes for junior officers.

No mail again. Wrote Mrs. Jack, Mrs.
Charlie McCall and Sarah about whom
I am still a little worried as she is not
well. Gave Rackham the Times as he
is the only one at the mess besides myself
who can be trusted to read it. Received new "shop
book" as we are no longer allowed to use
our cheque books for advances over here.

and are limited to 3 "chits" of 12 5/100 per month. Write Smith quite a long letter about regimental matters. He expects to be away another month and is having a nice leave as he is living with his wife and attending the hospital once a day. I hear Pearson is now over here in charge of a Base Hospital, having exchanged places with Eric Davis. Feel asleep, reading so went to bed about 11.00. Heavy bombardment shaking windows and rattling doors.

Sunday 1st July 1917 (Dommow Day). Sharford gave us a special service for the 50th anniversary of confederation the leaflet for which I enclose. attended office and then had the 3 squadron commanders in for a 2 hour talk about various matters and tried to impress on them the necessity of their taking their share of responsibility.

McQueen stayed at lunch. He expects to go on leave next Thursday and will see Sarah. Met and quite cold which we noticed after hot weather. Watched a baseball match between 2 of the squadrons on the field. Write Sarah a letter and then had high tea as other officers at a concert in the night. Read my letters.

I forget what we did a year ago today but
about Thanksgiving I think. Two years
ago there were "Sports" on the Delegate plane
and 3 years ago I think Father and Mother
and I were at Kennels!! a clipping from
a paper Sarah sent today forwarded by
Mother told me the good news about
Edna so I will try and write her tonight.

Bombardment continued all day and
soft and I hear we are making good
progress at small loss. We may get a
chance if they push the line behind the
mining area where they are now.

My ankle much better although I
cannot yet wear low boots on account of
bump but it is going down.

I am enclosing some old letters which
may interest you. Nearly 2 weeks since
I heard but suppose Canadian mail
will come in a bunch as heretofore.

Even this is not a very interesting
letter but things here are quiet and
no word from you makes it harder to
say much. You are all very much
in my mind and thoughts and I
cannot help longing at times to see
you all but as Dr. Robert Gordon says we
must not now falter in finishing what
we did not hesitate to undertake August 1914.
Love All