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In Murray Envelope Saturday 7 July 17
10:00 P. M.
My Darling Mother

Did not get this started earlier in the
week as I have lately so much to try
and make up for last time and have to
budget of your dear letters to acknowledge
later as well as a lot of papers.

Monday 2 July 1917 Had promised McQueen
and Stoddard of Chaplin services to
act as judge for Dominion day sports
and boxing (dismounted) under their
auspices and so in spite of abscesses
on ankle and thigh had up slowly
at 11:00 and took lunch with them
meeting Hamilton Gault who however did
not remember me so made no
explanations as the chaplains were all
new names to him. He has an
artificial leg identical like his other
and can walk without a stick so
well that unless you knew, you
would think he merely had a gully leg.

He was assisting them a leg and I must
say I liked and admired his desire to
stay out here. Did not let any of my
men off as the last three weeks have
been much broken up and we have
arranged a friendly sports day tomorrow
with South District Horse which
however did not come off as their

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Carp is missing. I was sorry as an informal day like that is much better and more fun than these bigger shows.

I rode over & saw my man started at drill before I left. I had a chat with Father Fitch who I remember found out saw Wood when he first arrived at my labors dressing station. He took him at first for Peter of 22nd and realizing he was pretty low arranged to have him given preference and he was at once attended to by Gallagher and Carp as you already know. He said he was buttoned up in his slicker which was covered with mud but his face was clean & glasses on, in fact everything in order. His eyes were staring and he was trying to mumble something but although he tried he could make nothing of it. He felt satisfied as soon as he explained how that there was no hope but that if anything could be done it should be done at once and so secured him preference over hundreds of others that were waiting.

We have him therefore to thank for the prompt attention he got at mine. He has promised to write you full particulars and will surely see

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The other judges were Bell, Shackery, & Murray on Carbs Staff and we had a very busy afternoon, and did not give satisfaction in our dash which is a very difficult race to judge as they all finish so close. The sports were not as well run as the others, as the Chaplins lack experience and are jealous of NICA and want let them help. The hospital was very good and the Corps Commander was much interested. Saw young Pope and quite a few more old friends including Rufus for first time since about January 1916 when we had dinner together in Woods hotel and met his sibband. I remember his showing me the letter about it as I was there the day it came. He would not put it up for some weeks.

Dave arranged an interview with Edmund Aikman and had 15 minutes with him and told him what to do about his commission papers which I will recommend.

In moving from a bench at the boxing hospital, knocked General Woodruff's stick out of his hand but saluted and apologized. Rufus expects leave this week and will look Sarah

which will make a little change
and the Emms should see her today or
tomorrow on his way north. (Lawson)
got back from leave today and was at
Skinner's Maidenhead but did not see
her. Wanted to visit "B" so did not
take dinner at Carps and was too late
for the Emms but Missions.

Occasional meal is good. I Rado slowly
home feeling pretty blue as seeing
French brought it all back, getting
here at 10.00 PM to find only my
paper which I read and looked over.

Tuesday 2nd July. Ailing such so took
M. O.'s class in jumping in spite
of sore —!! Found out marching
after parade much better although
still room for improvement.

Went to M. O. at 11.00 who lanced
sore again which bled profusely, irritated
by yesterday no doubt. I attended stable,
all horses out of doors now and looking
well. Very painful to sit down which is
a new experience for me. Worked in
office until 4.00 and then feeling
pretty "groggy" went to wash and then
dinner. Dinner time. Eight
extra leaves came which will help the
best along. 12 letters mostly Canadian
which I always cheer me up. Sarah

has seen quite a lot of Hyla and Miss
 Betty one farmer's lease, as they were
 spending part of it at Winderhead. She
 is better about home as Wilsons are
 returning to U.S. and fear her summer
 plans shall be upset. According to a
 clipping forwarded from Mrs. B. in
 and Sarah, Kansas has a son. I am so
 glad as somehow felt a little anxious
 at not hearing for so long a time as
 knew she was expecting in May and
 thought likely some one would cable.
 Will write her as soon as possible.

Wrote Uncle Charlie Mc Carhill in
 answer to 2 of his & of Aunt Mays.
 They are so good about writing.

Letter from Mrs. Murray about her
 son. Enclosed copy of Sgt. Waddell's
 answer, I wish he had charged the
 gun or that I had been there. Is it not
 a queer coincidence that both Wood & I
 should have an officer of that name
 killed? I also enclosed a letter
 from Thornlow of #12 who has taken
 Goldenbuck's place which explains
 why they are so slow about photograph
 of Gerald. Such a beautiful letter
 from Harwood for which please
 thank him. I appreciated it so
 much and will write soon.

Wednesday 4th July Great celebrations in Paris & London today. Pershing at primer plane and a US regt. Very noisy as result of unscattered bombs. Did not take the 4 1/2 hours off allowed and looked over 3rd class side and inspected all bullets at noon. M. D. Jaffe and then lanced my thigh and I laid up after an hour in office after lunch and he came up and saw me and renewed dressings. Wrote Sarah who I fear is feeling very down about her plans and tried to start a letter to Father but did not get very far. Sent a cable about marketing (perhaps) changes via Rackham who took a conducting party of 80 to coast for horses. Trip made to cheer me today. General Silverwood of A.F.C. brigade here asked me down to dinner at 8.00 and although did not feel much like it had a good meal and a very pleasant chat and cigar! Went into bagam tomorrow. Read Times and retired.

Thursday 5 July. Head clearer although leg very sore. Inspected recruits side and was pleased with their progress under Cpl Johns, also looked over my work horses with Douglas. Handwrite how I like at this time of year.

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Col Edgett ADVS of Corps called

to see some mangle sheets. He came over as V.O. in boat with Wood and thought a lot of him. Remember Wood speaking of him. Asked him to lunch at first opportunity. Attended stables and spent afternoon clearing up areas in office. Did not leave until 7.00
8 more letters! 3 from dear Mother & 2 from Alice. Burnett V.O. of 3rd Pde bus for mess with slung case. Wrote Father a long letter after dinner.

Cambell up to see M.O. MacEwen got allowed leave today in a car.

Friday 6th July. Up early and had a painful ride to End of track Corps to take 3 cantonment packs which occupied the whole day. The make hammer was lazy and gave me a comparatively easy ride.

Inspected "B" packs and had tea with Woodman who is now in charge there. Beautiful cool day. 6 more letters when I got back which are welcome. No mail. Went to office after dinner and then read Times in room.

Saturday 7th July. Another glorious day not too hot. Radeant to field which are imperial infantry. But now seem to want to share with us. Put the recruits over the jumps and only one

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come off. They are improving. Sent to
for 10 reinvents. attended stables
and inspected transport after lunch.

Remained a lounge / carpet for a F G C M
Lithographing Dept Faulkner wanting to
get back again. Dictated a number of
official letters and wrote Sarah who
is thinking of giving up house which
much regret. Robinson back from
leave after dinner and as now after
midnight will finish tomorrow

Sunday 8 July (4.00 P.M.) Picture yaw at
Memorial where everything is so familiar
and seems so much a part of our
family life. Over here I have a
church parade once a month which
is about all we can manage. Heavy
thunderstorm during the night woke
me up. Had a conference of Squadron
Commanders at 10.00 A.M. and then
inspected the saddlery of the regiment
and distributed some reinvents.
attended stables. Campbell and
Broadman for lunch. Am just now
now back from the office where I
had an affair upon the carpet
before me. We intended having an
official sweepstake for jumpings
and tent pegging but a wet
afternoon has spoiled it.

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And now dearest Mother I have your letters of 5th - 8th - 11th & 15th of June with a lot of enclosures from the dear girls and also about a dozen bundles of papers and magazines addressed by your dear hand, for all of which so really thanks. I will try and answer some of your interrogations as best I can (I have to keep envelopes to get dates of your letters)

There would be one man in the ambulance all the time with the wounded in addition to driver beside whom a "mattress case" generally sits. He made two ambulance trips first from dressing station at --- to Field Ambulance (no nurses there) where Capt French & Gallagher saw him. Col Simpson & Dr Brush saw him at dressing station. This would be about 6 miles perhaps 5. The second trip was from field ambulance at --- to clearing station #18 at --- about 10 miles where Calderbank saw him.

It seems impossible to have actual ambulances I have tried as they were all so rushed that day. I have tried to make this clear but perhaps above will help. There were nurses at the clearing station but of course it was too late there.

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I am enclosing some correspondence about his trip and the photo of grave which will show you how the matter stand.

Yes dearest Mother, I am very lonely at times especially when walking alone and here in my room. The work is very great and hard to get used to but I am doing the best I can. The hardest part is perhaps having no one to talk it over with. I know how hard it must be for you and Father and the girls and you have my deepest sympathy and ~~deep~~ constant thoughts.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you in late fall if conditions over there will permit of it and fully intend to apply for leave to Canada then. I will be 2 years over on 17th Sept next.

I hope you will soon be stronger but you must be very careful of yourself for all our sakes and only do the very light work. I think red X is too much for you. Am wearing white summer socks and they are most comfortable. I have a full one of old original bath towels and have used them constantly ever since I left Canada and to others. Last Mother

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Jimmy and would be glad of two more
of your I saw spare them. I shall have
2 new suits of pyjamas in England
so won't need any this winter.

Good Aunt Tilly still with you. Please
give her my love. You can't
expect much from medical men in a
rush like this. Some worked over
48 hours on end. Dad understood that
Willie Brown is coming back as
young to India. He is extremely robust
and was miserable here last summer
know.

You must have no regret about our
childhood and home is possible. No
mother could manage her children
more love and devotion than you showed
oursell and it is our greatest privilege
now to try and help and comfort you
and dear Father.

Mr Creaser did not get brigade. MacDonald
has it and is a fine chap and thought
so much of Woad. Sorry about Topsy.
She has had a sad time but the
children must be a great comfort. Please
remember me to her.

Sorry you don't like my last picture
but I think was a good subject I fear
and don't like the appearance of being
taken. I thought snaps at Topsy.

is better although Sarah does show
 the strain and is not as well as I would
 like. You have never yet sent me the
 pictures of you all I have asked for. I
 only have a newspaper clipping of Father.
 I would prefer recent snaps if I were to carry

I do not altogether share your feelings
 about dear Miss Betts and am sorry she
 has not written. She could not
 have been kinder than she has to both
 Sarah & I and have gone out of her way
 to do things for us.

So sorry about poor Edna. Was
 anxious when I did not hear for
 so long but do trust she will pull
 through with no ill effects. I have
 written her.

So glad you got the cane safely and
 feel sure Father will prize it! Be
 sure and thank Mrs. Day as she
 brought it over. I believe I hope the
 other things will also turn up in due
 course.

I do appreciate printed matter but
 perhaps clippings from papers
 (and illustrated ones if possible) Saturday
 night etc) would do as they contain
 all the main points. Magna Carta will come
 in every word of course if you
 do not mind my asking here when I

Jane there on. So you think me
 planter. I creamed some of now.
 164 with all clothes and books on
 Sarah has lost 3 lbs by this summer.
 I'll be so sorry if Sarah has
 to give up little bath as she seems to
 think she will miss lovely and
 expensive to run around. I am still
 hoping always find somebody to share
 it with her.

Will try and write Estelle and Alice
 during week. 3 more letters June
 3rd 8th & 11 from Julia (London)
 and which I appreciate so much
 also James old 10 June and
 nice enclosure from Aunt Ellen.
 Mail just in but no letters but
 4 bundles of papers from you
 please Walter.

I leave morning so will draw to a
 class and get this off tonight.

Rackham who is being beside me
 in my old room just back from a
 conducting party to — of sea
 which he quite enjoyed. He is
 such a nice chap. Will drop in
 occasionally for a chat. It has
 cleared and is now beautiful
 Love
 JH