

as much as the Barber. I have
not been here yet long enough
to size things up properly but
will do what I can to get
things running with less friction.
The Brigade consists of the
Swords, St Catharines and
Hamilton batteries and includes
about one hundred men from
the Sixth together with
also McEwen and young
Leandrett.

I spoke to the former
about his not writing and
from what he says the
marks must be more at
fault than he is. There are
all told, fourteen ex cadets
in the lot and things
ought to be in first class
shape.

We had about three



West. Down North
Salisbury Plain
13. Nov. 14

A

Dearest mother

Have made a change
since writing last and am now
acting as adjutant for the
1st Div. Brigade C.F.A. as mentioned
before it has been in the air
for some time but the actual
order only came out on Wednesday
night and I came over yesterday.
The late adjutant has taken
over my section in the
Divisional Ammunition Column. He
is an extremely nice chap but
did not get on with the
Colonel and a change had to be
made for the good of the
Brigade though the fault
probably lies with the Colonel

C

days without rain at the first
of the week but yesterday and
today the Weather man has
gone back to his old habit
of doling out rain. Last
night there was a very
violent gale of wind and the
office marquee of the D.A.C.
was turned right over and
the books and papers
were blown all over the
downs. They recovered some
of the heavier ones the
next morning but the
rest may be in the
North Sea by now, for
all we know..

I brought Peggy and

my other horse with me when
I made the move and also
took Shirley, my own man
with me. He has been very
good all along and I hope
he stays. I think he will but
all his relatives are on this
side which may tempt him
to try and get transferred
to some English Corps.

Tomorrow there is to be
a court martial to try
one of the drivers of the
Eighth Battery who is charged
with striking an officer and
using abusive language to
him. If he is found
guilty he will, in all
likelihood get a very severe
sentence indeed.

Kerry who was in the
London Battery and who

Western front seem to be
still holding their own while
the Russians seem to be
really advancing at last. General
Alderson said last week
that the Canadians would
go to the front long before
spring but other than that
we have yet no definite
word as to what they plan
to do with us. Some more
troops moved into huts
yesterday but none have
gone from this camp yet.

I believe that one brigade
each of infantry and artillery
from the Canadian Contingent
are to form part of the
Ninth Division and to leave
England early in January.
The same proportion of



gone me so much trouble at
various time was acting
Brigade Sergeant Major here
for a time. He started drinking
again however and has lost
this job (which was a good
one) and may yet be further
reduced.

This transfer which I
have made will probably
delay my getting to London
as I do not intend asking
for leave until I get
fairly well into the running
of things. There are a great
many minor things that
I am desirous of getting but
nothing very important.
The allied troops at the

g

both arms go with the Tenth
Division which sails later
in January. This of course
is only camp gossip but
it now seems certain that
the Canadians will be
broken up and not go as
a division by themselves
which was Col. Hughes
intention.

The doctor of this
Brigade says that we will
all be in huts in two
weeks which will be a
welcome change if the
rainy weather keeps up.
14. Nov.

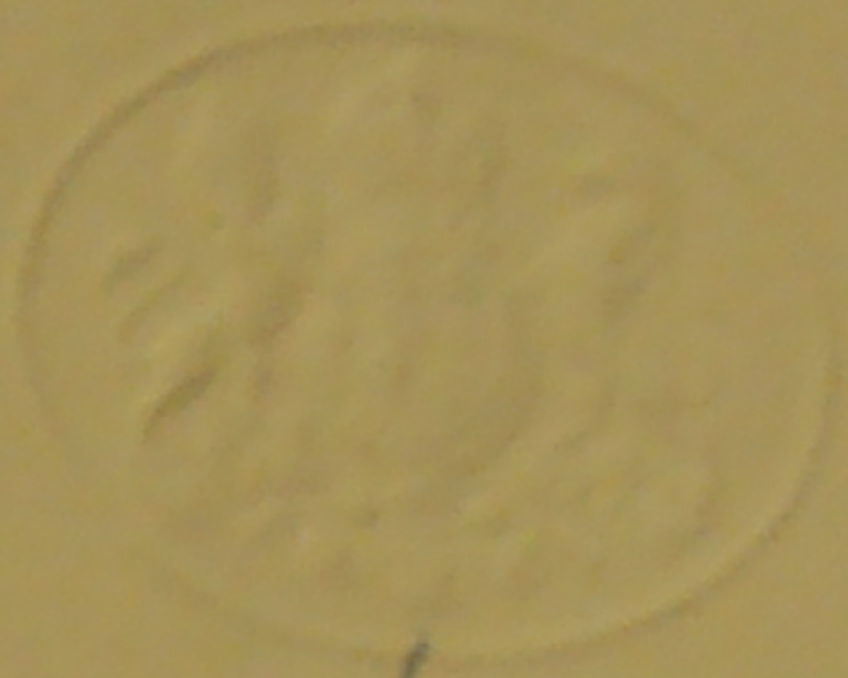
The court martial is
now going on and as

I have ~~to~~ to be present and
have little or nothing to
do, will fill in time by
adding a few lines. The
president of the court is
Bill Lindsay whom I think
will remember and the
two members are also
ex cadets. The evidence so
far shames the prisoner
in the wrong but just
what the result will
be it is impossible to
say.

I had a brief visit
from Hugh Minin today.
He is in the Princess
Patricia's and has grown
a moustache which quite
changes his appearance.
They are camped about

Tell Ibb that I spoke
to Harcourt the other day
who was a C. S. M. when
we were recruits at R. M. C.
He is attached to the Heavy
Battery at present but
as he has not been in
the Militia since leaving
College, he will likely be
transferred to the
Ammunition Column before
very long. Both he and
Hugh Nixon asked how
Ibb was and wanted to be
remembered to him.

It is freezing tonight
and promises to be quite
cold; that is for here.
However I have borrowed
a little coal oil stove
and expect that it will

~~1~~ 
two miles from here but
more further away next
week.

Last night I had to go
down to Divisional Artillery
Headquarters and to save time
used a bicycle. In spite of
the mud on the surface
the going was good on
account of the excellent
way the road is made. It
is some time now since I
rode a bicycle and it
certainly seems a long
time since Ibb and I
were staying at the Kennels
and using them to save
time going to and
from the street cars.

K

soon heat up my tent though it is smelling rather vilely at present.

I had a letter today from Mrs. Belts who is now staying in London. She very kindly offers to do any shopping for me that she can and I may ask her to get some things. She says that Hyla now has a promise of a commission and they expect to have the matter settled in a few days.

Tomorrow we have the usual church parade which takes the best

part of the morning and in the afternoon I hope to get in a three hour ride. I intended to do the latter today but the court martial forced me to change my plans.

There seems to be a little to write about that I will draw this to a close.

Best love to all

Wood

P. S.

Address now

% 3rd Brigade C. F. A,
West Down north
Salisbury Plain
England