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horses but at any rate I shall have command of my own Battery which is better from a soldiering point of view than doing adjutant in a brigade. This reorganization means a tremendous amount of additional labor for everyone and considerable new equipment will also be required. MacLaren of Ottawa is to have command of the new Brigade but who the other Battery commanders are I have not yet heard. If the list is approved by the War Office no time will be lost in making the changes and a week or ten days more may see me in the new job. We are also scheduled to move into huts very shortly so the next few weeks or a month promise to be

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West Down North
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Dearest Mother

Another Sunday is just about over so will write a few lines before turning in.

Since writing you last the plans for the reorganization of the artillery have become more definite. A list of names of the officers of the new Batteries has been forwarded to the War Office for approval. I am down to get a battery and hope to have McEwen with me as captain and Leardett as one of the subalterns. It will necessarily mean a lot of extra work and we will hardly get many of the best men and

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busy times. In view of this I have decided to run up to London for a few days and will get leave from Tuesday until towards the end of the week. I have some shopping to do and will also try to see Mrs. Betts and one or two others.

It has been very cold here for the past five days, freezing quite hard at night with a very strong cold wind blowing straight across from the North Sea. One feels the cold more here on account of the damp I think. The wind blew so hard last night that I was afraid my tent would turn over. To prevent this I went out

and put a rope over the top and pegged it down on the windward side to make things more secure.

I had a very busy day in the orderly room tent as Sunday makes no difference. There was no compulsory church parade on account of the cold which gave me an extra hour or so to try and catch up on the office work.

Yesterday I took the afternoon off and after getting lunch at Netheravon rode to Uxham for a meet of the Royal Artillery Fox Hounds. They have a good pack and the master and huntsman were in trim but otherwise one of our own turn outs

regiment but I did not
get a chance to speak to
him. Have not seen any of
the other Londoners lately
and am a bit lonely here
but won't be for very
long when the new change
goes into effect.

The Inspector of Ordnance
was here today and carefully
examined all the guns and
seemed to be well satisfied
with their appearance. I think
the re-organization will
mean a further stay in this
country and we may not
move now until spring.

It seems now as if the
Allies were holding the
Germans on the West and
trying to keep as many
Germans engaged there as
possible while the Russians
do the actual attacking
from the other side. It
was rather a coincidence

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would more than hold its
own. They had a run of
perhaps fifteen minutes after
me for and then lost
him. The rest of the
afternoon was spent in
drawing various coverts
without any success. They
have little or no jumping
and the run consists
largely of galloping up and
down the hills of the
downs. There were several
ladies out but of course
the poor turnout was
due directly to the war as
both horses and riding
men are scarce.

I saw Campbell Becher
the other day with his

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that Roberts should have died at the front without hearing of the enemy's guns. I expect that such a death would be one that he himself would prefer after having spent so many years of his life in actual fighting.

The tents here are made of thinner material than in Canada and the wind seems to blow right through them. One does not mind that when between the blankets but it takes a considerable effort to get up in the morning. We lost one horse in the Brigade today and I can hear another near

about coughing. As I write this weather is certainly hard on them. One of mine has a bad cold and it seems impossible to get rid of it.

There has not been a great deal going on worth recording since I last wrote so will draw to a close. Next time perhaps shall be able to improve on this. Best love to all
your devoted son

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