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a new regiment major on <sup>2</sup> Monday and that ceased up my work considerably. On Tuesday after sending off about six prisoners (several handcuffed) to the nearest military prison I managed to catch a train at Lavington about seven miles from here and went up to London. The prisoners were not Germans but only some of our own men who had been giving trouble. When their sentences are up they will probably be sent back to Canada as undesirables.

I went to the Savoy Hotel in London and stayed there until Friday afternoon when it was necessary for me to come

West Down north  
Salisbury Plain  
29/11/14.

My dear Alice

In my last letter I think I said that the next would be sent to you so here goes. I think I mentioned about having been out with the hounds a week ago. Since then we had a quiet Sunday (a week ago) although the office work continues just as usual on Sunday as on any other day. The compulsory church parades have been discontinued presumably on account of the weather so the men have a good rest with nothing but ordinary duties and stable to attend to. I started in





back. There were several  
 there whom I knew and  
 we had a very nice  
 little holiday with  
 emphasis on the little.  
London is not changed  
 specially on account of the  
 war except that it is  
 very dark at night - street  
 lights all burning low  
 and no electric signs  
 visible. The whole place  
 is placarded with notices  
 and posters urging men to  
 enlist. Every tax, and  
 house is fairly plastered  
 with signs to any nothing  
 of the shop windows,  
 tube, and elsewhere. Trafalgar

square is one mass of huge  
 notices - even Nelson's statue  
 itself, in fact the whole  
 place might be said to  
 be hidden under them.  
 I called on the Mackenzie  
 where Mrs. Belts was  
 staying but unfortunately  
 she was up visiting Hyla  
 at Berkhamstead. He has  
 secured a commission in  
 some battalion of Kitchener's  
 Army, the Hampshires I  
 think and expects to be  
 sent down to one of  
 the camps on Salisbury  
 plain in the near future.  
 I had some business to  
 attend to at the West  
 End branch of the bank  
 of Montreal and met  
 an old admirer of  
 yours there; Dudley Allen,



the Karair, & the ublans  
or something of the sort  
Harry Guntles and  
me & Aggart were also up  
in town and I acted  
as guide to them a  
bit and flattered myself  
that I handled the job  
very well for the limited  
time at their disposal.  
Did quite a little shopping,  
it is wonderful how  
many things one sees  
that may come in useful  
though when we go to  
the front most of them  
will likely be left at  
home.

many thanks to you  
all for the good wishes  
for my birthday. I also  
got a cable from Bob  
and lolly announcing

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and he asked to be  
remembered. I also went  
down town and called  
on Mr. Blair at Ridston's  
office. He was just as  
nice as ever and asked  
about you all and sent  
his remembrances. One of  
the Ridston boys is  
in the London office  
but was out when I  
called so I did not see  
him. I went to a couple  
of theatres but did not  
see anything very special.  
all the music halls  
have military and patriotic  
tunes and most of the  
jokes have to do with



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their marriage. I was delighted to hear the news and think it the wisest thing they could possibly have done. I wrote them a brief letter of congratulations and also sent a cable which will have to be forwarded from London if they are still in Montreal. Since my return here I received a nice letter from Lolly but at the time it was written they were apparently not considering getting married or else they were keeping it

quite dark. I also got nice letters from both Elaine and Estelle though I still have considerable difficulty in deciphering the writing of the latter. With a little more practice however I have no doubt that one could become quite proficient at it and anyway it is a good mental exercise as things are.

Mother's letter of the ninth was awaiting me on my return and I will answer it fully in the next. Tell Father I have sent a Power of Attorney for him to Bibboms and I have



we will move <sup>into</sup> huts  
and we are <sup>still</sup> living  
more or less in a sea of  
mud. One gets quite used  
to this however and  
perhaps after a while we  
shall develop a genuine  
liking for it. Today it  
rained again very hard  
but it has since cleared  
up and the moon is  
shining brightly.

The Colonel and I  
had occasion to go into  
Salisbury tonight (about  
fifteen miles) to visit the  
Quartermaster's office and we  
had dinner at the White  
Hart Inn before coming  
this way again. While  
there I saw Geoff  
Chrysler, Frank Reid and  
Ernie Hodgins all in  
separate parties. Apparently

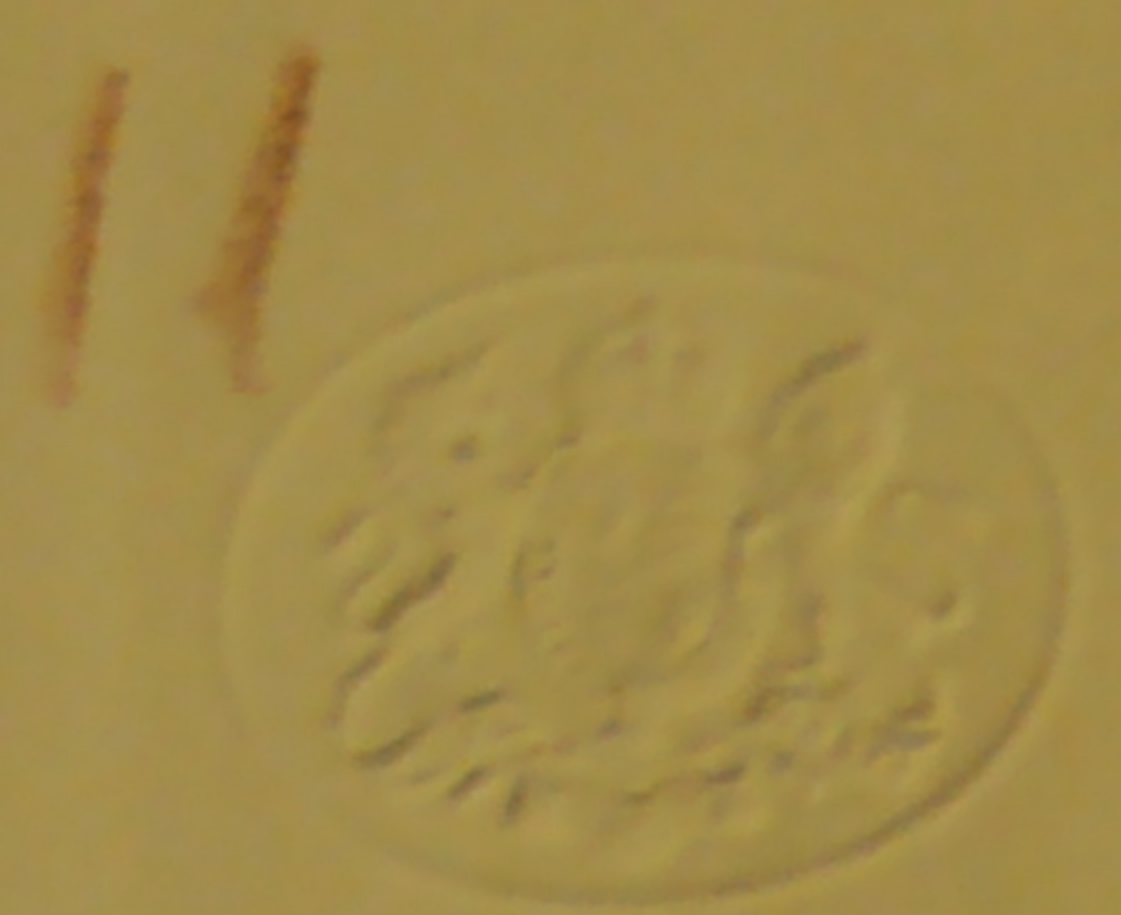
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also signed the will  
which the latter sent  
on, at Father's suggestion  
I suppose; so that both  
these matters now ought  
to be reasonably straightened  
out.

Tell Mother that I  
am perfectly well and  
outside of an occasional  
slight cold and swollen  
fingers have never been  
better in my life. My  
Sam Brown belt is in  
the last hole which  
is surely an indication  
that one is not wasting  
away. There is yet no  
definite sign as to when





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 it is quite a resort for  
 officers of the other branches  
 but we in the Artillery  
 have so many other things  
 to do that we don't get  
 time to run around much  
 except on business.

from what I hear  
 there has been a good  
 deal of trouble in the  
 First Battalion (which  
 contains the men from  
 the Seventh) and I  
 believe that Gordon Hunt  
 has been transferred to  
 the list of unattached  
 officers. This may or  
 may not be true but  
 I would not be surprised

if it is as he is  
 anything but a first class  
 soldier.

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 I have been adjutant  
 of the Third Brigade now  
 for only three weeks and  
 already another change is  
 in the air. The British  
 War Office is adopting  
 the four gun battery  
 as they find it more  
 satisfactory in every way  
 on actual service. So  
 conform, the Canadian  
 division is doing the  
 same and going back  
 to the same size unit  
 which we have always  
 used. This means the  
 organization of three  
 new Batteries here and



my way. ~~14~~ We have been  
getting on very well so  
far but it is much  
nicer to have our own  
Battery even if it may  
mean a further delay in  
getting across the  
Channel.

I think I have said  
all about things that  
have been happening  
lately so will draw this  
to a close. I nearly called  
up Fizzie Amaden from  
London a few days ago  
to ask her to come to  
the theatre but did not  
have time for it. May  
try it on the next time  
I get up to ~~London~~ town.  
If I remember the

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I am to get the command  
of one of them. This change  
is to be made very soon and  
I am hoping to get a good  
proportion of my own  
officers and men with me  
though whether I will or  
not is another matter. The  
new brigade is to be  
commanded by Lt. Col.  
MacLaren of Ottawa whom  
I know fairly well.

Col. Mitchell, whose  
adjutant I now am, has  
expressed his regret that  
I am leaving but does  
not wish to stand in





correct address it was  
Richmond which is not a  
very large place nor very  
far from London.

Love to all  
your affectionate brother

Ward.