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Major Woodman Leonard,
12th Battery, 3rd Canadian Artillery Brigade,
First Canadian Division,
c/o War Office, London, England.

My Dear Woodman,-

Please find enclosed a statement of our business in the way of orders, sales and cash received for the month of October. You will notice that our receipts are fairly good all things considered, and we are satisfied that we are doing a little regular business besides our shell work.

I am pleased to say that we shipped 1070 shells, our first car load to Montreal on Saturday the 13th. I have written you before of our many draw backs but I think the way is clear now for a shipment of two cars next week and we should be able to repeat that until we complete the 20,000. This shipment makes practically six months since we got the order, just double the time that we thought we could make the first shipment in and shows the uncertainty of the business in the way of delivery, the gauges are largely responsible for the delay and we think sometimes the Inspectors are over particular, the least scratch, mark or fitting, scraping or screwing, seems to go by fits and starts. The shells are got out in, and checked in series of 120 each. We were fortunate enough to get the time of heating the varnish in the oven reduced from 8 hrs. to 2 hrs., this will expedite matters considerable.

I am pleased to say that the Battery Wheel arrived safe and sound from its long journey on Saturday, and have just taken it to pieces and want to compliment the man for making such a good job in crating it. The nails in it were driven as hard I think as the Battery fought in April last, please compliment him. I notice you have sent a part of a shield pretty well warped also and that the spokes are only held by one tenant. I shall get the wheel and shield mounted on some kind of a trellis with a placard with the words that you sketched out for me and get it into a window on Dundas Street some time this week, it is a most startling manifestation of what you boys are up against.

Dear mother and I went over and had an hours talk with Canning yesterday he is steadily improving and is inclined to go back. He however, has the ambition of trying for either a non-commissioned officers place or a regular commission, I do not know whether he is fit for the latter, but from what I see of him he would make a very competent officer. We are going to see Garfield Jennings some time this week. It is rather doubtful whether he will ever be able to serve again. He says his lungs which were filled with the gas are far from being right. Both these men speak very highly of you as a commanding officer, being thoughtful, just and strict which they all admit is most essential.

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We hope to have Herb Scandrett up to dinner this week and will go over the maps which you sent, with him, although I think I have a very good idea now of the places you held. Garfield says if it had not been for your good judgment in selecting, I think it was the second move, none of the Battery would have got out alive, the position selected by your commanding officer behind, ahead was practically annihilated and you and your men just looked on and laughed at the Germans making such a huge mistake.

Yours affectionately,

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