

Wednesday.  
Nov. 17/15.

Reg. # 148158.  
C. Co., 32<sup>nd</sup> Res. Batt.  
Riots Barracks  
Shorncliffe,  
Kent.

My dear mother,

I received your most welcome letter on Sunday and was very glad to get it. You say you addressed a letter to me at Shorncliffe but so far I have not got it.

I thought it very funny that you had not written and I wrote to May the other day and told her about it.

The weather here is something fierce. Nothing but rain and sleet. I will be mighty glad when we get back to Canada.

We are being worked very hard here now. They seem to be running

on our training so that we  
can be sent to the front  
as soon as possible.

We have finished our  
bayonet drill and are  
on musketry this week.  
Next week we go on the  
ranges and as soon as  
we qualify in shooting we  
may expect to be sent  
away at any time.

On Monday the whole  
battalion had to line up  
on the parade grounds to  
witness a court-martial.  
A fellow who deserted from  
this Batt. last July was  
caught about a month  
ago and was sentenced  
to 112 days in His Majesty's  
Prison. That is very  
severe punishment but  
it was coming to him.

It is very interesting  
to watch things around

here. All day long you can see aeroplanes patrolling the coast. When we go to Yorkstone we can see subs. and destroyers all over ready for any emergency, but the best of all are those big dirigibles that float around the sky every day. They are big white things and cannot be seen very far off on account of their color. We have not had any Zep. raids lately neither do we have to put our lights out as early as we used to, which makes me think that the British are pretty well prepared for raids now of any kind.

I had some snaps taken the other day and

am having some prints off.  
As soon as I get them I will  
send them along.

We have four route  
marches per week now. Two  
in the afternoons and two  
at night. When we go on  
these marches we have our  
full kit on and believe me  
it is no light weight to  
carry.

I am begining to get  
thin now, so the boys say,  
but I am feeling fine.  
This life is certainly agreeing  
with me and I like it very  
much but I won't be a  
bit sorry to get back to  
a decent climate.

Your description of  
the Xmas boxes certainly  
sounds good to me and  
I am obviously looking  
forward to their arrival.

All the Rupawa

boys are well and "Buck"  
sends his kind regards.

I thought I had one  
of your photos, with me  
~~but~~ I find I have not.  
~~Have you got a spare~~,  
one you could send me?  
I would ~~surely~~ like to have  
one.

Did I tell you about  
the girl I met in London  
who was so good to me?  
Well, she is knitting socks  
for me and has already  
sent me two cakes. Some  
class to her, what do you  
think? I also have an  
invitation to go up to  
London to spend Xmas  
with them but I hardly  
think that I will be able  
to afford it. Living is  
not one cent cheaper  
here than in Canada, as a  
matter of fact, it is considerably

higher in many ways.  
Give my regards to  
all the natives and  
don't fail to write.  
Love to all.

Loveland

My regards to the hounds.



