

Hutton Camp, Surrey
August 23/17

Dear People at Home.

All this is Thursday morning nearly a week and a half or more I guess since I wrote last Sat Sat. Mr Park & I went to Guildford and stayed Sat night & Sunday. He had affairs for all day so stayed till late train & then Monday morning we went on to the train to go returning last night I usually write Sat or Sunday so when I miss it runs for awhile usually.

We had a feather bed Sat night and no towels Sunday morning, a pitcher I watered in bedroom etc. It was the first time since I was in Scotland that I had a night in a private house. The Soldiers Club got us the lodging house.

We came in last night about 9.30. We were relieved after dark on the benches by the 134th. They have some very realistic work at times.

On Monday we walked out about 12 or 14 miles to a line of trenches & spent the night there. Then Tuesday we came back to the trenches on Thunkey Common by a very round about rough road and went into the trenches there reliving the 16th & stayed till last night. We got very little sleep at nights because there is a continual look out, lights going up and a steady fire.

On Monday night Degas in an advanced machine gun position had to stay in a very shallow dam trench among some little stones.

On the whole I enjoy these exploits, we usually lie around most of the day, eat a fair share of the sand in the food they bring up (gives us lots I get), and have a few bombing raids among ourselves.

Liu had a letter from Nial this morning. He said he was fine & had met a couple of 160 ft. shells that went over in a Labor Batt' last spring.

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I had a letter from Cliff Hugill last week. He had just rec'd a letter I wrote to him last March. Of course it had to do a good deal of chasing around to find him.

The Gen. mail has not arrived yet this week. Rec'd our letters last week. Col. Sutherland is back again. I don't know whether to stay or go. He has not taken command yet. One funny thing in this army.

needed. Well nothing in particular, don't send any socks because I have about six pair I have knitted ones yet, all I can take care of.

A good razor is one thing I wish I could get. I have a straight razor but it is hard to keep in shape. One of those Auto - that satis seems to be a good rig, at least a lot of the fellows have them & say they work real well. I have to shave every morning before first parade so a good razor is a great comfort.

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Lev has a white-handled straight
razor here, a daisy, I sometimes get it.
If I could get a straight razor that
I was sure was a real good one I don't
natives have it I believe than a safety
but it seems to have been my luck
to get a rather poor razor. So if
father knew of a real good straight razor
he would like dit just as well.

We are cleaning huts & equipment to
pass the time away, I think.
Tomorrow we will get this
inoculation as much in one dose as
we got in Canada in three doses. Some
of the fellows got it last week & had very
sores arms for a couple of days. We are
getting used to the needle now.

Do you ever get any of that maple butter.
Some of the fellows are getting it in doses &
it seems to be real good stuff, about as
good as honey. Honey is about the best
to send in boxes, can't be sent in cans & no
danger of breaking. Somebody got a box
the other day with a jar of preserves broken
over everything.

Rec'd the bundle of papers just before
going out on Monday. I took a couple of
them along & read them while away from
camp. Cap. T. Cobb supplies us pretty
well with reading material, books &
magazines. He gets a lot of Can. papers
& may send over some more.

Hip Earl Gordon got better. I heard he
was hurt seriously with the baseball.
I hope we are going out next Tuesday
for eight days. So if you don't get my
letter in time, ask this you will know
the reason.

Well I think this will be all for
this time. Excuse lead pencil, it was faintest
so I just used it. I hope you can make
this out. I am just writing it on my knee
& in a hurry.

Love to all

Fassel

On the 10th we walked out after
12 m 74' double to a low bank
about the 8 ft. high. Then I went up
we came back to the trench on the
common by a very rough about 1 m
road and different from the trenches they
relics were the 16 ft & stayed till 6 pm.
He got very little stuff at night to see
there is a continuous ~~at~~ cliff going
on for about five.

On the 11th part of the day was devoted
to machine gunning but we did not get a
very abillous game which among some
little stones.

On the whole for you three days, we
walked from around 1000 ft up to 1600 ft
but a fair share of the time in the
heat but many of the game birds (goats)
and were a jucie eating game among
ourselves.

We had a letter from Neil this
morning. He said he was home
with a couple of his fellows that went
over to the Bay last evening.