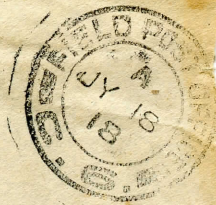


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Dear Folk at Home,

This is a lovely warm afternoon. I am on light duty today, I went on the sick parade this morning with a stiff shoulder. I don't know what happened it. I couldn't raise my arm or put on my tinic nor can I yet with any ease. The fellows said I must have had a hurt playing ball last night but I know I didn't. I must have lay crooked on it in bed.

I received your letter of June 12th and Leo's of 23rd. Today Dave Wark gave me a Tara Leaker which he received yesterday also.

I was sorry to hear that the report about Charlie Henry was untrue, I was thinking Uncle Robert would have a big joke on Charlie if he was clinked.

As regards The Halkerton paper I thought it would contain more real news from the old Battⁿ, you know I have made the acquaintance both personally & at sight of quite a big bunch of fellows from all over Bruce. I received the budget from the League, it was quite good but I only got papers about once in a long time that I recall just now.

As regards the distribution of Red Cross socks, I have had two good fair landed to me, since I come over and as for buying socks I haven't seen the place yet around here where you could buy them, anyway they nearly always have socks at the bath and if you are in need they will give you a fair. As far as knowing anything about the distribution in general I know nothing but of course there is always a little graft of some kind in pretty nearly everything. One of the pairs of socks in the last Cadiz Aid Box was about twice too big

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I don't know who or what they tho't
they were knitting for.

I guess I would hardly know
any now. It really seems funny
to receive a little letter from her.
now she seemed so young when
I left.

We are not up the line yet,
carrying on with drill, machine gun
& bombing. Have an hour lecture
each afternoon and then usually
a ball game in the evening.

We have a fellow in our unit now
who used to travel with Mark's
party. You will remember Tommy Marks
coming up to Tara. He was a high
spirited man at one time I guess but
he & John Barclay Corn couldn't travel
together so he lost his job. He is
quite a composer & has composed
some very good poetry which comes
out in the Toronto papers sometimes.
If I can get a copy of a few I must
send them to you.

Quite a bunch of the 160th
fellows are still in Seaford yet
having a swell summer in

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The Coast town. My old bed mate
P. B. Munay is still there, had a letter
from him saying he had had two
passes. I guess they will have it
a good deal easier than we had it
last summer. in the Balt. they are
in the Machine Gun Depot.

I have never heard anything more
about my application for the Flying
Corp. I may not hear anything either
of the change around into the engineers.

Still I think this will be all.
For this time, all the fellows are
well & Fritz is supposed to be
checked in his last offensive.

Love to all

Russell (Hagner)