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Address reply to Bramshott Camp. No. 652113
Section B Company 165 Battalion Reg't.

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Dear People at Home;
I returned to Camp yesterday from Aldershot and it was like coming back home to see the other fellows again and get my letters.
I was transferred from one block to another down there and so only two letters reached me in three weeks, they sent them but the post man up there wasn't very sharp & returned them to camp so there were eleven waiting here for me besides four or five that are wandering around still. I also got your box all O.K. just a bit bruised in the one end. I got your 4th & 5th letters altogether from Nov. 14 to 27. It took me two or three hours reading letters last night, it was solid pleasure.
There are boxes coming now by the score. When a box comes into a hut every body has to have a small share anyhow just to sample it. We got a box from Walker's in Glasgow for the four of us that were up there. Jim got the Ladies Aid Box last night I think. I suppose ours will be along presently.

I expect we will eat more good cake & candy than if we were at home, again all the bones are finished.

It is rather cool & disagreeable here now. The snow has been on the ground two days and the mud is all frozen up but it doesn't wait till March to loosen here, there will be a miniature freshet some of these days.

I read over the three letters and picked out the questions you asked so I am going to make a few explanations now.

You asked what See Cpl. stood for, I guess that was what you meant. It is short for Lance Corporal. Put it on always, as it is easier to find me sometimes. See Cpl. D. M. Haag

As far as reading is concerned we have news papers and magazines etc. anywhere we go & with letter writing we have no difficulty in spending time.

Those socks I left at home will come handy about March I imagine. I haven't worn any home knit socks yet so have two or three pair never worn. Will let you know when to send them.

You asked if I wanted any money. I think I said something about that in the last letter. Money is handy where ever you go I find. I have about £1 5 s. if you can change that & we are paid another £1 or two in a week or so

so I am not bad off you see but still I like to keep a reserve.



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You mentioned about that word. Well I have forgotten it definitely so I guess you will have to give it me again. Some how or other I didn't pay much attention to it.

Heard last night about Fay Peany. That is certainly sad. S.M. seems fatigued.

I had a letter from Mabel G. last night. She was telling me about her cousin. That was also very sad. She seems to think Humberlane School has the upper hand again. Hughie has the lead I understand.

If you think the people of Canada have hard times you don't know much about England. Eggs are 98¢ a dozen & other things have risen correspondingly since out break of war.

There has been great excitement over proposed peace terms. I'll tell you the Eng. people are about as sick of war as the Germans. There was a big corporal in the hospital, possibly I mentioned him and he says there is a revolution coming in Eng. after this war. He says he can see it coming coming and as soon as ever he

I can get away he says he is going to Canada
or Australia. This is a logical talker too, he was no
fool. It is awful the red tape that goes on here we
have no idea. I think I am like the Corporal, Eng.
will not keep me when I get a chance to get back.

Mc Donald can talk about the breweries. Well the
breweries are simple to the products. You can't realize what
is like & the same no matter where you go.

Major Moffat says there is big surprise coming
for the 100th with the next four days. He has us all
guessing we don't know whether it is a draft to
France or the big 800 feed of goose they are going to
give us.

Did you get the box of holly etc. I sent?
Jack Geddes is at Aldershot now for a few days before
going to France. He wants me to go up and see him,
Don't know whether I will be able to go up Sunday or not.
That Battⁿ is Cliff Hugill in? 147th or not? The 147th
is on Salisbury plains.

I am feeling fine this fall. I haven't had the least
sign of a cold since I came over here. I consider
myself lucky because so many have had bad
colds. I saw Les' letters to Neil, just as good as if
I got it myself. Between us we get pretty nearly all the
news going.

Well I must ring off for this time. This is hurriedly
written so not very eloquent but to the point I think.
Love to all Russel.