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Dear Uncle:

Tell how are you getting along now I wonder. I was sorry to hear of your lingering illness. Hope the next letters bring better reports.

I am sending you a Weekly Mirror. Do you find them interesting? The paper boys bring them around every morning that is the dailies and then every Thursday bring the Weekly, the weeks numbers. There is nothing much to the paper except a few pictures and dispatches, no comments or editorials of an account but still they are popular among the soldiers.

It is a lovely day today, just enough frost to keep the mud hard, and the sun is shining. I was out for a five mile run this forenoon, my days work. There is a race within the Battⁿ on Saturday. Col. Sutherland is putting up a cup for the best Co.'y team so B. Co.'y is after it, then next Tuesday there is a Brigade run, that is a team from each Battⁿ compete. It is a five mile heat, twenty in a team.

We have two Indians in our Co.'y that can shove it to any in the Battⁿ and will show up good in the Brigade race too I think, then there is a fellow in D Co.'y & I hold about next place.

A run each day is much easier than going on parade, although it is quite easy now too.

A Russian in the 164th Battⁿ, which is just next to us, thought he would start a little revolution here last night so came into our Recreation Room, tore all the unframed pictures to pieces and lit a match to them, smashed the electric light globes, went to 164th mess room & started another fire where he succeeded in burning a big hole in the floor and then retired. They have him in safe keeping today, he will likely go to the glass house now for awhile & get calmed.

Russel Mc. Gadden just returned off pass last night. He took about the same trip I did. He was telling us that all the steel works in Sheffield are shut down, workmen on strike. It seems too bad that there has to be strikers in such a crisis but I guess really the workmen are getting a raw deal in many cases, all works are under Govt control now, at least nearly all the steel works especially.

I think since conscription will be enforced now that we are likely to move from here inside two months. Rather official statements have been made to that effect and it looks quite probable because if this Division ever goes as a Division it will be now. I am not at all anxious to go now.

Tell Jim, we are quite comfortable here.

Our Dhaki College opens again Monday. I guess it will boom now: there are a great many going to attend from this Batt^y anyhow and the course they have scheduled for in business is splendid.

There are more taking business courses than High School work, it is hard to find enough time on H. S. work to make great progress. I am going to teach Math.¹⁰, just what I don't know, Capt. T. Frisby of the 28th was to come up and outline to the five or six of us who are going to teach in this Batt^y, just what kind of a class we would have and what part of the Arith. or Algebra we would have to teach.

I am going up to London one of these week ends, probably a week from Saturday. I haven't been up to the smoke to stay any time since last May and I would like to have another look around, see where some of the bombs have dropped and meet a few of the Americans. The Americans have the best Y. M. C. A. in London now they say, the American pool tables installed instead of the Eng. billiards.

Hope Aunt Elizabeth recovers from her illness, she had just taken sick at your place when ~~just~~ the last letter from home was written.

Sincerely Yours
Fussell