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Miss Mabel Grant
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Dear Mabel.

Rec'd your letter of Nov. and certainly have been a long time answering it. I suppose you and Eph. and in fact all of you are having the same old times at the sink that we had last winter. Those were good times undoubtedly.

It is wonderful the changes that can take place within a year. I am at an S.C.O. school of Instruction here and will be here till the middle of February. We drill every day warm or cold if cold they run us around till we warm up. Steady drill is what fits a fellow though, I have gained on it and I feel harder by a good deal than when I started.

We have had lovely weather lately but it has broken now and we are getting some snow which lasts usually about an hour.

It is only six mile over to Bramshott so I go over every week end. I hired a wheel yesterday to go over and have it today. Wheels are used a great deal here because the roads are so good a fellow can ride a long way and not get tired, and too they are used the year around.

Russel McCadden has the Trumps now. They have

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Thirty seven cases of mumps now in a hut in the Batt^r. There was so many taking them they became tired of carting them all off to the Aldershot Hospital where Dwas, so they keep them right there now.

Ned & Leire are fine. Ned is put into the C.C.A.C. (Canadian Casualty Army Corp.) They are for general service, work such as bringing supplies etc.

There are six 160th fellows gone to France. Four of them joined a construction Batt^r and left last Thursday. They were right across from our camp here and I heard Givelle blow at 3 o'clock and then about 5.30 I heard them yelling as they pulled for France.

I have just returned from Church. We all go to our respective churches. The Wesleyan Methodists have a good church with adjoining refreshment room, waiting room and baths. The accommodation that way for us is No. 1.

I had a letter from home yesterday written on Monday and they were telling me you had a splendid Xmas entertainment this year again, keeping up the record eh?

They must be having quite a time down at corner now by your account Mabel. If they ever got me back now I think everything would have to be done by numbers and in quick time,

after what we get shoved at us here. The officers
are all Englishmen and of course they think they
know it all and that we Canadians know nothing.
There are about 4 Regt's and we have about as
much use for our Captain as he has for us. He
can beat the Imperials but he will never admit it
although the Sergeant Major of the Co^t. does.

That was very sad about your cousin Lena. I have
never heard since whether she has recovered or not.

It is just about dinner time so I must go over for
the steaks etc. We get ^{Beausoleil} Bissolles, Saveloy & Kippers
see if you can figure out what they are! I
think it would take you quite a while so I will
tell you it is meat in different forms.

My those school dinners I got last winter
would be like a treat from above now.

Remember me to all inquiring friends. This
letter will be for you all the family I mean.

Your sincere friend Russel M Wagner.

D.D. What's the matter with Eph. that he
never writes at all, been to busy painting
around in the car I suppose and snow skating

D.M.W.

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