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Dear People at Home;

The small has just arrived today, rec'd yours of June 18<sup>th</sup> & Co. of 3<sup>rd</sup>, this mail is about up to date now, we got two weeks mail today.

This is Sunday afternoon, I whiled away my time before dinner expect to go back tonight.

I was very sorry to hear about Jessie George being so bad I will be anxiously waiting next mail to hear another report.

So Eveline has got her uniform. If she hasn't left Canada before you get this and she happens to be home let her know that I want to know as soon as she leaves and where she expects to come. If she comes to Southern Eng. anywhere as she likely will, I will be able to get a pass and go to see her. I will write to the Hospital in London right away, possibly she will not have time before the little gets there.

So old Dick has made the raise of a car at last. They will have to go pretty steadily for awhile or they will land in the ditch, at least abb. would anyway. Be careful Maurice you better run it. Maurice will think he

owns the whole road I'll bet, at least that's the nature of the beast. Well I think that Canada is something like what the States were all along; the farmers are simply trudging themselves. It certainly doesn't look like hard times when so many can buy cars.

You asked if my boils were better. Yes I had just the one batch and have not had one since. I feel like a two year old these times.

It is quite cool since about last Wednesday. There has been considerable rain and a couple of dark, drizzling day and now it is cool as a result.

I went to Mytchett on Thursday and since then ~~Hudson~~, I have only had a parade or an hour and a half. It is as good as a pass to London. We go out boating, go down to Aldershot for the theatres and there are a couple of splendid ones here as good as I have seen. Friday night we got two wheels till Monday night for 4s. 6d. and today we took a spin back here. It took us a little over an hour to come the 14 miles so you can guess what kind of roads they must be here. There are attached to the 164th for rations & glasses and the bunch in our hub are a bunch of dogs, as far as I can gather from their appearance & dispositions.

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There is one Scotchman there, very very broad and they started taking religion. Then he says "this religion is a superstition, there is no heaven, he says" Heaven is here on earth "My heaven is back in Hamilton right beside my missus". The way he come off with that amped me, he was said it with all sincerity too.

The Rangers are the busiest now they have ever been, all these new drafts in the 5<sup>th</sup> are shooting there, they have quite a bunch of them under canvas.

This is Louis' writing pad. I left mine down there, didn't expect I would be writing any this afternoon but I thought I better get the one home washed off my hands first. I have about half a dozen others to answer this week or as soon as I get time.

Enjoyed Lis' letter very much, that's the way I like to get the news.

I have seen some nice fields of grain between here and Aldershot, the oats are beginning to color now, at least I saw one field this morning with just a light shade. They are busy making hay in most places and despite the war, every hoot patch I have seen is clean as can be and everybody seems to be well up with the work.

I believe we are to have straw buns for supper tonight. That will not likely be a ~~an~~ issue, more likely from the Regimental Fund.

The grub has been rather punky lately, I don't know what the trouble is, rather tight rations and then the quality isn't so good either. I saw more rabbits this morning at Mylechiff than I ever saw in my life before. They were beheading and skinning small boxes of them, it was a good job I hadn't to stay there for dinner.

My where are some smell rose gardens in the country places now, Enjoy my riding around just taking notice of the neat little cottage homes and shady lanes.

I am sending a couple of post cards which I purchased yesterday.

I don't expect to get a holiday tomorrow, they work Sunday & holidays and every other day there now, but we ~~the~~ Instructors do not have to work on Sunday nor Saturday afternoon but I have my doubts about tomorrow.

I'm glad the watches arrived safe & I was beginning to wonder if you had never rec'd them. All mine wants is a little of the dirt shovelled out fit.

Love to All  
Russell