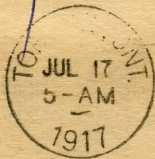
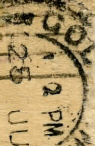


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Dear People at Home;

I haven't rec'd any mail this week but I guess I must keep writing a little although I have nearly stopped writing letters it seems, I don't write as many as when I came over first.

This is Sunday morning, and there has just been another inspection by a Brigade Major. He had church parade at 9 A.M. for half an hour and then we came back & spent an hour and a half fixing things up. He practically put in the forenoon getting everything just so. The army is the most particular business ever was, and then a string of a dozen officers will file through.

Do you know these camps are kept very very sanitary, every precaution possible is taken, no dirt left anywhere, where flies could breed. There are fewer flies by far than around our homes simply because they are kept down and not given a chance whatever.

I rec'd the Ladies Aid box this week.

② There was a lead pencil so you see I am making use of it.

How are the garden parties coming off? There was a big day yesterday down by the artillery lines. It was a day with horses, all kinds of trucks with lances, swords, pistols etc, all done on horse back. One horse broke its leg and one man nearly broke his neck, I heard he died I don't know where it is right or not. They also had a mule race, they go these mules around quite a bit, they are such awkward stupid brutes, all they seem to know is to pull and kick.

The boys are being issued with Eng. tunics & caps. The caps are these soft slouch trench caps that can be bundled up and put in a sack and the tunics are light color and have no lining. The fronts have side pockets and they are larger than our issue so it makes quite a difference in the appearance.

I rec'd another letter from Aunt Isabelle and also a pr. of socks. I think they will be good for the trenches if we ever get there. They are good heavy ones. She said that Annie Cowan was coming across with the American nurses. I would like to see her if I knew where she was. She might be quite near if I only knew.

The 948th Bⁿ of Grey is at Shoreham now in a Reserve and some are about ready to proceed overseas. I see where they are going to beat us to France too.

The Battⁿ is going out about 18 miles this week to Belmont for three days. They were out one day ^{9 miles} last week. I guess I will miss that too, I am still on the gas job.

Since the Americans came into the war we have been able to buy about all we want in the canteens. Just lately they have a good supply of stores in and we can buy at noon the same as in the evenings.

The meat we get now, since the hot weather.

has come is often not the very best.
It has come from the ends of the earth
and some of it has been frozen for years.
We had a game of basket ball the
other night with the Dental Corp. There is a
league formed in the Brigade, eight teams we
played the first game 4th July. The first happened
to be up at the Y.M.C.A. & the Dental Corps'
team was there to play the 164th & the 164th didn't
come so we just picked up a bunch of 160th &
held them 16-14. I have been stiff since
haven't sweat so much for a few months.

Mr. Stacey is managing our organization.
He is a thorough sport, leader in basketball
throw in basketball. He is a Y.M.C.A.
man from Toronto, so had had a good deal
to do with sports.

I think this is all the news for this
time:

Love to all

Fussell

P.L. Hall being
expecting about 10
along soon.

I was down to Guilford with Jack Geddes
one night last week. Jack was up here one day
too. He is certainly looking fine, he is resting well
for awhile.