

Chateau de Terheyden

Huyvaert.

Belgium

28th Jan. 1919.

My dear Dr. MacMechan

Your letter of the 3rd came today and I have had another manuscript for several months.

Thanks you for both and for what you say about my M.C. It does not represent anything very heroic but its very nice to have something to bring back.

I am glad to hear you are all well. It will be glorious

to get home and see all ones
friends again.

Of course its a tremendous
relief to have hostilities -
that's the correct word - over but
how its dull.

We are billeted in a little
village about ten miles from
Brussels. We are very com-
fortable and much better off
than at Christmas time. Then
we were in tiny agricultural
villages 15 miles north of
Namur. Now at any rate
we can get into Brussels
and see somebody now and
then.

We get a chance to send
officers to Germany now and
then. I was on the Rhine for
two days last week - at Cologne
and Koblenz. It was quite
interesting to see the places under
present conditions. We were in
Cologne on election day. It was
absolutely quiet. The people were
not demonstrative either way.

They seemed to be doing their
best to ignore us.

There were sentries everywhere.
The Grenadier Guards were taking
the duties the day I was there -
Beaucoup swank!

The Americans at Coblenz
were a sloppy looking gang.

I did not see a clean boot or
officer or man in the town.

Our 1st + 2nd Divisions were
at Bonn but they're back in
Belgium now. The 3rd Div. is
to go to England very soon and
the rumour is that we follow.

Then Westward Ho! but it may
be several months yet.

Young Angus Sinclair is at
home. Dan is 2nd Lt in the 13th
+ got a D.S.O.

Annie and the children are in
London & reported well.

Love and very best wishes to
you all and thank you for
writing. Yours very sincerely
Gilbert S. Stairs