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Dear Mr. Packard

On a day which has been characterized by ^{rather unusual} activity, as perhaps the papers here have advised you by the time this reaches you, I am sending you a copy of the Dalhousie Gazette of Nov. 17th which may prove of unusual interest. As perhaps you have heard I joined the 25th "here" about 5 weeks ago and for the past 3 weeks have been directing the energy of the machine guns of this potential frontage. This morning clad in our gas helmets we were awaiting a gas attack. I was getting my guns in position & while in a trench about 70 yds from Mr. Roche I suddenly caught sight of my own name on a pile of printed paper half buried in my old father's dug out where many good soldiers of the Gordon Highlanders have existed. I got a shaver and uncovered, much to my surprise,

The college monthly, where it
came from or by whom it
was owned I know not,
but thinking you might like
to have it I am sending it
along. I hope it gets past the
Censor. It was certainly a
peculiar coincidence was it
not? I'm sorry that just at
this moment I have not time
to write you at length but
business is rather strenuous in
these parts today. I most
certainly enjoyed reading that kind
stained together as you may
well imagine. I saw Hollaway
the other day; he's looking well.
Dut. is not far from here
but I have not seen him
recently. We shall be in
the trenches all summer day
I repeat. Please remember me
to Mrs. Chapman, Jean, Louie
and Valley. My regards to
the old College.
I hope yours Christmas &
New Year holiday may be
full of joy & prosperity.
I'll write again when I
have more time.
Sincerely yours,
Wm. B. Smith