

Camp 15.
Codford
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Oct 14/17.

My Darling Jeffie; Have only a few minutes before "lights out" but will get a line started at any rate.

Received a letter from Kelly yesterday but none from you or Mum. The mail was very small so I guess the larger part of it has still to come in. It looks as though we will only be here a few days longer so I hope some mail will show up before we leave.

Wrote to your Great uncle today & thanked him for the parcel left in your keeping. He'll appreciate it I know.

As usual there is very little news from this end of the line. We are to move, about the middle of the week I think but of course that is about all the information we can give. To tell the truth that is all we know anyway.

For a wonder it has been dandy & fine all day today. I have been but orderly so of course had to stick around camp. However as there are so few places to go

around here it doesn't matter much. Tonight there was a bit of a row down town & a volunteer fireman was called out. I got on it thinking we might get some excitement out of it but it didn't amount to much.

Oh! by the way, I had a letter from Pauline Graham, my cousin in Portland Maine, the other day. She was just about to leave for N. S. when she wrote. Did you meet her while she was in Halifax? I haven't seen her for some years but I guess she must be quite a young lady now. Don't know how she is now but she was a different girl from Mudge altogether when I saw her last. Quite a Yankee though Ha Ha.

Well Julie mine its time I got my bunk made down so guess I'll be off for tonight & finish this up tomorrow. Perhaps I'll get a letter from you in the morning & then I'll have something to talk about.

Good night for now Darling
your own Little Boy, Cap

Monday morning.

Just dismissed off parade. Nothing to do as usual. Thank heavens it isn't raining anyway.

The mail came in about half an hour ago but no Canadian news in with it. That leaves something to look forward to yet.

Just traded my wrist watch. The one I bought up in Glasgow. Mine was a cylinder movement & rather clumsy & this one is a lever & dandy & flat. It is a good large one & will stand more rough usage than the other I think. I've been doing some business in watches since coming to this country Ha Ha. Ho! I haven't broken all those glasses etc in the way you suggested in one of your letters. Girls have had nothing to do with it at all. In fact I don't think I'd know how to put my arm round a girl now anyway. Of course you have only my word for it but I guess you know which to believe don't you little girl.

Afternoon: Has called out for some fatigues this morning so had to leave

this for a while. I'll get busy now as to finish this up in time to catch the evening mail.

By the way, has Mum told you to change the address to # 5 Can Siege Bty B.E.F France. I told her in my last letter but gave you the same address by mistake. If you have mailed a letter of Mrs Moore she will forward it alright.

Now regarding letters Dea. I will write just as often when we get to France but they may have to be considerably shorter than I have been writing all along. You see I won't be able to say quite as much as I can from this side. However, you don't look forward to my letters just for the news that is in them do you Sweetheart? I know it isn't that alone that I look forward to in your letters at any rate. A letter with nothing else but news in it would be pretty dry reading as far as I am concerned at any rate. How about you Gilie?

Evening: Things are pretty quiet around the hut this evening. All the boys except Ken & another chap & myself have gone down town. I was down after tea for a little

while but there is nothing going on.

Havent been able to get any snaps yet. Had some of a bunch of us the other day but for some reason or other they didn't develop at all. I think the film must have been exposed to the light or something.

Here comes the lunch & picking up a row as usual. Things will be busy from now till lights out.

Guess there isn't much use in trying to write any longer now Dear. Things are beginning to fly already.

Will try to drop a card before we leave or if not, as soon as we get across.

Good night & Bye Bye for now.
Hilda mine.

With every bit of my love.
Cap.