

Oct 12.

Tuesday night

My dear one Mrs.

Charlie Burns the K. 17 come over to see us to day & brought our letters. I got one from you of the 29th. I also got 3 letters from you earlier in the morning of the 21st & 22nd & one with enclosure.

I got 5 letters from you a Thursday. So I've had a grand lot of letters this week. The only thing all your letters & just makes all the difference.

Things are very quiet here. They shall be had a good deal but comparatively little elsewhere.

I can't think how that rumour about the narrow having been forced got about as we've done absolutely nothing since Aug 21 & everybody knows what a ghastly affair that was. Most of the time now is spent making plans & preparing for a winter campaign. We hear of comets coming but none seems to arrive. I hope it will come along before the next winter weather comes along. We have just had a very heavy shower lasted for about 4 hr but it has cleared off again now. Claude Rome too just been doing well so hit out off about 9 in.

I got soaked to the skin yesterday. I went out with the friends at 9 in & it was quite hot so we walked

I went in slit slings. We met Walter going round our
line. He is in the 60th was wounded at St Juliane
in May & has now come out here to J. S. Q. The fox
held me to take him up to Jefferson's hut on our left. He
held by the 11th Div. So off we went. It started a
regular down pour & went on for about an hour. I got
in feeling like a drowned rat, but it cleared off in the
afternoon & was beautifully hot. I expect we will get a
good deal of rain now for a bit. I hid my rubber
saloos on top in the tent. I stuffed it with the
yesterday & fell heavily on the floor. But they are
flourish in the dry weather going round the trenches.

I'm been busy all the day making a road for
the forward. I have had 20 men on it nearly all
day & got it finished this evening. We started at 9
& went a bit 12 the front 2 bit 5 this afternoon.
I just had to cut a line through the bushes so as to
have a new road to ride out on every morning.
It was a terrible place to ride over before, all bushes &
bumps & little paths & scrubby bushes. One new quite
knew which path was a

I have got a lot of work on hand at the present
moment. I'm nearly finished the yellow trenches. The
I have a party of 13 men making trenches. I'm making
a new trench quite close to our signal office. As
soon as I get those all done I'm going to improve the road
up to our 1st Q. That's a big job as I have to build
a sort of bridge. It is rather interesting all this
work & keeps one awfully busy. The only thing is that
I've had to find time to write letters - I hardly ever

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to work even a job. You see every other day I go out
with the friend about 9 or a don't get back till about 1 or 1.30.
Then I have the man working again from 2 till 5 - have to
be bothering about watching them. They invariably do the
wrong thing if they are left to themselves - don't work
half so well. I'm really got the stables right now but
there is still a good deal of work to be done on them. We
horses on day right is so they are pretty safe.

Band come back last week but isn't looking too
well. The weather is good now - he has little or nothing
to do so he ought to pick up. The weather is really
lovely now, nice warm days occasionally rather dull by
a coldish north wind & nice sharp nights. One job awfully
well. I haven't felt so fit since I left France.

The dogs have quickly what is a great thing.

I find that I'm never bored, some people always run
bored stiff. If I'm not actually working I can always take
about a work out little scheme to improve their lives.

It improves a bit every day what is a great thing. I shall
be quite sorry if a officer comes to the one on cyclists.
They are not an awfully good lot.

I'm enclosing two little photos what my dog says
look of me a Sunday. He developed the himself that night

and presented them to me yesterday. Quite good they are
considering he only has a little Brownie camera.

I doubt if you have had any of my letters
we haven't had anything about that mail but you see I
have got all the letters I have written. I always try to write
one every week for K.M. & the another for the ordinary
post sometimes through the week. That is about all I can
manage these times. I forgot now if I told you that
my under clothes arrived quite safely. I don't want
them just yet but expect I will in about a month's time.
They won't ought to arrive fairly soon now. The books are
coming much better these times. This new edition that
has just been opened will be a great blessing as one can
get practically anything from it. They have got about
£20,000 I hear. So it ought to last for a bit.

The Radio does things in bulk. They cyclists have put in
for £45 worth of stuff which they don't do now. That
works out at over 10p a man. They are all full of
money - haven't been able to spend it.

I have sent you 3 lots of Holbein since I got
back from Athens one lot is a paper book, the 2d is
one of your own tin boxes & a 3d is a cigarette box.
Try & send them out to me as soon as you can. I don't
think the last would suit the by K.M. if you
asked her. It is so long to have to wait 2 months
before getting them. In answer to see them to see what
they are like & if be returned or about right.

The first in the next seems to have been a good
year. I haven't read any of the accounts yet.

Burns told us to day that our contribution was 47,000.

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The French seem to have done good work too.

I think the chief source of interest at the moment is in the Balkans. France is jibing badly. Von Hindenburg is chattering about something we don't know what. We heard yesterday that Roumania had withdrawn on the Bulgarian frontier. I wish she'd come in it would bring things along well. If only Russia can put on with I think that there may be hopes of her coming in.

I'm sorry to hear about Coffey. He was a very brave man.

I'm very interested to hear about the plot. We have no news of it out here at all yet. We heard a rumour that we had got inside but there has been no confirmation of it.

What sort of people talk about the rumour. I only wish it was true. You'd have had a cable long ago if it was true.

Yes, we want soldiers badly. Everybody is shouting out for them. We have been able to get a few lately but before that we could hardly get any. They set a lot of military things down from Egypt but they had had made them. Some as big as corn sacks others like ladies' bags, a most of them were so badly done that they wouldn't hold the earth. I have got several holding my neck a row but if I found them the the plotters

would break - they would fall over. With great difficulty I managed to get hold of 200 last week. Part good ones they were 100 was of the green outside canvas pretty well waterproof the other 100 was excellent a sort of hand canvas, quite the best I have seen.

I could do with several hundred, my cyclists would like some too to make their day out of. The you can send as many as you like to the Munster.

Tell them to address them to

O. C. Munster Fusiliers
86^a Bde.

29th Div.

It was only last week that Judds told me how much he wanted them.

They had a big fire the other night and the tent a tent about 200 thousand I believe.

You can tell any private people who are making them to send them out here. We can always find use for them but they must be strong.

I could dispose of 50 thousand this minute if I had them.

Will you check with Tom for the cables she sent me. I got them last mail. They are awfully good but were very battered about. I had the old dog specially to eat one. I hardly ever have tea now. I like it's a hot meal. "It's a base mouth to dinner and a nightshade to lunch".

I'm glad you got the little children I sent you from Athens. I took rather a fancy to it as it was so neatly done. I thought it would be

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me for the drawing room & would remind me of my
 trip to Athens. Oh! nearly forgot to tell you that I
 got a box of films from you to-day. Sir quite will
 off for the new exhibit is a great thing.

I don't know the feeling & even if I did I
 doubt if I would see him. He's at Omsk & that's
 a long way off. The friend - I don't know the
 other day & got swept on the way. They heard afterwards
 that they were being told to have made some friends
 on the way. That then the friend goes, if he ever does, will
 go by sea. However if I do ever get over that way I'll
 remember to go & see him. Write a letter to him &
 then he will look out for me. There is one for Claude
 commanding the 13th Div. He used to be the friend.
 He is a relation I suppose. But what I don't know. Do
 you. He doesn't know me. The friend talked to him
 about me one day but he didn't know me.

I hope you can get Mrs de Lisle to come & stay
 with you. She sounds awfully nice. Sir sure child that
 the house.

I believe the sea gets pretty rough here &
 the water but the Navy say that it will be alright.

I haven't much faith in them but never get something like a

months previous loaded - kept in reserve for the winter / was to
be used to store. At present we have only to wonder
about near the trenches - we can find enough belly but a
hesitant trying about to find a Rife. The words of food
has been dropped. No! I don't think there is any fear of
our being shot. They could always get stores when needed.
The thing I'm afraid of is that our mail may be bad.
If they have any difficulty about taking stores they won't
worry much about our letters.

You seem very confident about my being back for
Xmas. I hope you're right. If things are quiet - this
leave alone works I think it might be managed. That
was a great holiday you made last year. Want it?

Hunter. Buster is home sick. Joe Davis has
got his Capt. Marshall and Co command of 87th Bde
but has now got 55th Bde. Our division has Bde being
has been made a general - is commanding 6 Bde.
They are detached from us & are at Hillis.

No news yet from either Tony or the Bero about
the horns. I wish they'd write.

No 11 or a line for shut eyes.

Best love dear one Miss.

Your loving

Pat
