



My dear wee Motherkin

This is just a scribble. You
lets around this morning. Very many
thanks for it. It is very cool about all
these men. Since that old Pat McAlmond
who was in the same bullet with me
at Balmuccia and just a commission
in the Cameron after we had been
wounded. He was a splendid fellow.

To day we have reported and done
nothing much more. Really there
is nothing to do here but wait for
order for a move. There are only
eight men left from the 8th row.
I think that they have forgotten
about us.

We have just finished making
tea on the tent. It is very cold today
but with the aid of two stoves we have
made ourselves very cosy.



This place is a bit of a farce. The French
 are camped down in the valley of the
 Sidiy. It makes me think of "Ta Fawshon"
 with his "four or twenty men and five or
 twenty rifles". There are very few men in
 the battalion. The officer company is
 camped on a hill $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles away. It
 is a heavy spot swept by all the works
 of heaven and called Hill 60. The
 officer company is known as the
 "Keystone Battalion". Because of its
 for its rapture methods of doing things
 men are being every day however and it
 is only a small part of the strength
 of the ~~force~~. It is led by an Col. Bourne
 an Oxford prof. a very decent fellow and
 was very affable etc.

I do hope they are all very
 well. at not worry too but
 my own love still

Yours affectionately
 Albert



Thursday.

My Dear well Motherline

I am writing this in the morning before
going out on parade as we shall be back till
late and may not have time then. My weary
anxious last night. Many thanks for it and the
sweets. You just seem to pile kindnesses on me!

Today we go to the range again. We are making
this time out firing. It is rather interesting than
the other. Last night there was a concert given
by the corporals of our which we attended. It
was rather amusing. I wonder why these people
always sing the most lugubrious sentimental
songs when they are enjoying themselves. There
was only a few harmonists but they were very
funny.

I don't think that I have any news to day. I see
a good many casualties in the 15th Division.
There but for a commission. might have got one
myself!

By the way there is no hurry about the
rifle cases. You might let them lay over
for a bit. The ~~other~~ C.O. may be proceeding
water proof ones



I really have not any more news.

I do hope that you are all well at school
and not working too hard.

Very much love

Yours affectionately

Alvina



Sabbath.

My Dear Mrs Motherkin

Your letter arrived this morning.

Very many thanks for it. It is really awfully kind of you to write so often. I am awfully glad of letters just now. I have a great desire to Scotland again just now and all of you folks. I fear that sweet marriage leave with this signalling business coming on. We are in for a busy time for the next six weeks. From various sources we have heard that K3 is likely to proceed overseas about the beginning of September. Whether or not I will go with the battalion I don't know yet. I think that it is probable but in any case we are in for a busy time for the next six weeks, as there is a lot of work to be put through. I don't want to worry you, ever



mother, by telling you this but it seems fairly
soon this time. Of course it is good news for
us, but not for you. But please don't worry
about it.

I commanded (by the Pres. Church Parade
this morning at heard a sermon on Revelation
by the chaplain Macintosh. There are two
of them Macintosh & Corbett both decent
fellows.

There been working the rest of the day.
I will send you G. B. May when I can
put in an envelope for it.

So do hope that you are all well and not
looking too hard. Please don't worry.

Very much love

from my office room

Albert

The C.O. left for the front yesterday. He is to be
out for about a week, for instructional purposes.