

7 August 1876.  
On the Train <sup>from</sup> <sup>me</sup> <sup>every</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>Boh</sup>

Dear Mother Dad & Family  
at Last we are on our way we Left Camp Borden about 3<sup>45</sup>/<sub>PM</sub> and have not arrived at Toronto yet. We had quite a time packing up we had all the harness on that you saw us with and besides two Blankets and a Rubber sheet. We had to pull our tents down and pack them so they had to be fumigated before anyone else could use them. We had to sit around quite a long while in the sun and it reminded me of our arrival at Camp Borden.

We had a great send off from Camp the rest of the Brigade were out and they certainly seemed anxious to come along with us. The march from the Camp to the Station was the worst ever. The dust nearly choked us it came up in Great Clouds so that we could

<sup>W</sup>  
not see the men we were  
walking with. It was only about  
a fine minutes march. But we  
were pretty nearly all in when  
we arrived there. There was a  
Car for every Platoon and it  
makes us pretty crowded. There  
are nine of us in the smoking  
Car & its etc. so you can  
imagine, ~~its~~ we have not  
much room to spare.

We have to post a guard on each  
end of the Car, we change  
them every hour. No one is  
allowed to come through or  
no one is allowed to get off.  
I guess that is on account of  
the trouble coming from  
London. As that was some  
rough train.

We had our supper on  
the Train. and if they continue  
as they have started we  
will be all right. We had.  
Stew, Bread & Butter & Rice  
Pudding. and it was the best

I have tasted <sup>3</sup> since I have been  
depending on the army for my  
 grub.

We have been passing through  
some very beautiful Country.  
We have seen a couple of  
fires but I thank the Lord we  
did not have to turn in and  
put them out, as we are on  
our way. We were stalled  
about an hour in Allandale  
and had quite a good time.  
The scene from the Station  
is beautiful as Dad knows.  
Here is a little Diagram

WOODS

BARRIE

LAKE SIMCOE

ALLANDE  
STATION

There are 3 Battalions going  
to-day ours 127<sup>th</sup> - 129<sup>th</sup> and  
every station is crowded all  
along the line.

We are now just coming.

into Toronto, <sup>4</sup> So we will  
continue this epistle in a  
few minutes

We did not stop at West  
Toronto But were at the  
Union Station for about an  
hour. The Western University  
Corp. are on the Station But  
they cannot come to us or we  
cannot go to them so we have  
not been able to see any  
of the fellows we know.

There was an awful crowd  
at the Station to see the  
Soldiers away We saw  
Chas. Tucker, Bob. Apton and  
his Sister and it made us  
both feel good to know there  
was some one there to see  
"us"

We are a pretty jolly  
bunch every one feels as if  
they have had 10 years added  
to their life since they have  
left. Borden. it is sure some  
relief as we can swear

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We do not expect to get very much sleep on this train to-night in the first place we have day coaches instead of Colonist Cars, and nowhere to lay down. Besides the fellows are pretty noisy along the line, and anyway there are lots of other times to sleep. It was just 8 P.M. when we arrived in Toronto which means we were four hours coming 60 miles. If they keep that rate up there won't be much chance of us seeing the firing line there is a rumor abroad that we are going to have a two-hour route march in ~~London~~ Montreal to take the stiffness out of us and it sounds like a good idea to us - as Halifax sounds like a long way off in one jump

The people of Toronto are  
certainly a good bunch  
Every corner we pass since  
leaving the Station is crowded  
with people cheering us  
away. They come up close  
to the Coaches and as we  
go by. they have bits of paper  
tied on sticks weeds etc.  
with little messages and  
their names and address  
on them some even gave  
Cigarettes and Magazines.

There was a funny  
incident which happened in  
Camp this morning and which  
we forgot to mention. We  
have been saving our goods  
out of all our Lunchees from  
Horne and this morning we  
took an Inventory which  
is as follows.

- 1 Battle O-lives
- 1 Large Packet Beans
- 1 Prep Coffee

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- 1 Dry Cocoa
  - 1 Cocoa
  - 2 Fruit Cakes
  - 1 Camp Veg soup
  - 1 Cond milk
  - 13 Boxes Sardines
  - 1 " Salmon
  - 5 Large tins Ofo
  - 2 Small "
  - 4 milk Chocolate
  - 1 Tin Health Salts
  - 1 Spearmint Gum
  - 1 Bon aperer

In addition to this we swiped some bread at Supper, so we are all set for a mid-night if we feel like it.

I am going to leave Murray for a little while so we will give you some more dope when I get back. I am going to try and find the other members of the Rusty String quartet and try and get some Harmony. We had quite a nice time and we expect to have some good

times before we reach England  
 it is too bad Murray does not  
 sing But he enjoys it just  
 then come. we did not have  
 very much sleep last night and  
 when we woke up we felt  
 pretty well twisted. However  
 after having a good wash &  
 a good Breakfast we are  
 feeling pretty good. We  
 Come through Ste Anne's  
 this morning and saw McDonald  
 College it was a very beautiful  
 spot. We then Come through  
 Beaconsfield. Valin? Darnat  
 situated on Lake St Louis.  
 They are summer resorts and  
 are certainly well situated  
 for that. We have now  
 passed Lachine and the  
 next stop will be Montreal

we arrived. I & Rand were  
put on a switch for about  
an hour, nothing exciting  
one troop train passed us  
and the route march I spoke  
of did not come off.

We left Montreal about  
8<sup>45</sup> Came across the Victoria  
Bridge and had a good view  
of the good old St Lawrence  
There was kind of a mist on  
the river But we could plainly  
see St Helens Island, which  
is as you know a sort of  
picnic ground for the people  
of Montreal. We are now  
pulling out of St Lambert  
where we stopped about an  
hour. By common consent  
of the two parties concerned  
He & Me we have decided  
to Post this chapter at

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the next station and the  
next chapter will begin  
there

As Ever  
Yours Loving  
Bob  
Murray.

Please show  
this to Canada the  
others as this is an  
absolutely joint stock  
affair  
Bob