

Sunday. Dec 9/17
Borden Camp.
Hants.

My darling Mother Father & Carrie
This is Sunday morning
and as it was Raining all night
Church Parade was voluntary, and
although I need the Church, I felt
that I needed a talk with you all
more we are kept so busy here
that we scarcely get time to
sleep let alone time for writing
This school is operated ~~for~~ by
Imperials and believe me darling
I cannot see how the English
Tommy exists on 7 Bob a week
Every parade an inspection, I
have only been here a week and have
used up enough "Silva" and shoe polish
to last an ordinary soldier a month

I think I will find the two months quite enough, So far I have not had very much time for studying. But am trying to keep up as they go along.

The meals here are pretty bad and the most of us feel it necessary to buy one good square a day. I have managed so far but my finances are running pretty low. So I think I will have to get you to cable me \$5. Since my engagement to Annabell I have I have tried my best to get along with the pay here, but it is impossible I never spend money except for eats, Laundry cleaning materials etc. and now that I need a little extra I am as they say out of luck. We have men here from

all reserves. Canadians, Imperials
South Africans, Australians etc.
I have met a few old 18th men here
also a few 33rd and I feel quite out
of place when they start talking
about France. But I am not anxious
to get there.

The Canadian Mails have
been held up for over two weeks now
I suppose the Elections have
something to do with it.

We have just heard about
the explosion in Halifax Harbor
it was a awful thing and brings
the war closer. But I hope and
pray that London will be clear
of all explosions etc.

Yesterday I went out on a
quest for weekly Mirrors we
must have walked about 6 miles.

but at last was rewarded by getting
a couple of dilapidated copies
which I am sending

I am feeling fine and believe
me a man has got to beat 1 to
stand the pace around here.

Well dear I suppose you
are all settled now. Lordey how
I would like to be there to day.
But as you, here is hoping;

I hope you are all well
dear, and not working too hard.
I miss my home more & more all
the time, it takes an experience
like this to make a man
appreciate his home.

Well dear. I think I will have
to close now as I cannot miss
this opportunity to study. "Because
I, AM, GOING, TO, MAKE, GOOD,
here.

Your ideas. do not worry about
me here, we are certainly
getting all that is coming to
us. But while we are here it
is a Safety job.

I have not heard from
Murray yet but suppose he is
pretty busy in London

Remember me to all

With
Your loving Son & Brother

Bob

P.S. Please
cable the money
as soon as you
get this as I do not
afford to send a cable
for it.

Bob.

11 dishes
8 towels
5 Bath towels
14 aprons
67 table napkins
11 table cloths
4 sheets