

Army P.O. London,
April 14, 1917.

Dear Miss Douglas:-

Just recd. your welcome letter the other day, a month after you wrote it. The mail-service has been somewhat irregular of late; some mail having been damaged by sea-water also.

The weather has not been very pleasant the past month. It has been quite cold with a lot of rain and more snow than I supposed ever fell in England. Everyone says it has been an exceptionally bad spring and lay the blame on war conditions.

Since coming out of quarantine I have had a great deal of enjoyment mixed with my work. The "Y" gives an entertainment nearly every evening and some of them are splendid. I could not ask for better treatment than I have received from the civil population. Nearly everyone is willing to help a soldier enjoy himself if he acts the gentleman.

Never had a more enjoyable time

than when on leave in London. Visited several places of interest including Madame Tassand's Wax Works, St. Paul's Cathedral, W. Minister Abbey, London Tower, White Hall, the Zoological Gardens, Kensington Park, Parliament Buildings, etc. Got a pass and went into the House of Commons while it was in session and heard the food question being discussed. Viewed Buckingham Palace, London Bridge, Banks of England, Nelson's monument, etc. Took in a play each of the four nights while there, including Harry Lander's "Three Cheers". Saw thousands and thousands of girls, many of them engaged in men's work, shoveling coal, unloading oil cans and other hard work. Just wished we had a few of them in Southern Alberta where they are so scarce. Sure you'll tire of this.

No, I never saw this country before. I was born & raised on the prairies of South Dakota and never put in much time in the city. Don't think I should like to live there.

You must be busy doing Red Cross work in connection with your school studies. The girls at home - I have

two sisters attending High School at Medicine Hat -
spend their spare time in the same way.
I enjoy a good book and have plenty of time
here for reading.

We are now the 8th Batt. Canadian
Railway Troops and I am attached to the
first line wagon transport. There are three
of us to a four-mule team and I drive
the wheelers. We spent yesterday and to-day
loading, ready for shipment to France. We
are leaving sometime tomorrow. We are
at Pimblet Camp on the Thames river a
few miles below London.

Would you mind sending me one
of your pictures if you have a spare one,
please?

With best wishes for your happiness,
I am,

Your sincere friend
Driver R. Lightizer
8th. Batt. C. R. T.
No. 2 Co.

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P.S. Pleased to hear
from you as often as
you care to write.

R.E.L.