

France, Sept. 23, 1917.

Dear Miss Douglas:-

Received your letter last evening and was pleased to hear from you, also had letters from home and the States.

The weather could hardly be better than it is at present even if it was made to order. The Allies are making the best of it too by all accounts. Fritz seems to be getting more punishment than he can stand for any great length of time. People here are of the opinion that he will still be beaten this fall.

Most certainly I think that politics should be a secondary consideration at such a crisis as this, but it seems to me that there is more corruption connected with it than ever before. The Conscription Act has been discussed over and over again by the soldiers here and many are indignant at

the way some wished to have it handled.

I am glad to hear that crops in most parts of Canada and the U. S. are very good. Unluckily for me the crops in my locality are light owing to a partial drought. The papers state that there is a shortage of farm hands, which will mean more work for the women, as well as the remaining men.

The girls did not say how high their exam. marks were but both of them were successful and the three are taking tenth grade work this year so they write.

I am glad that you are enjoying yourself. We have some sports here too, boxing matches, baseball games, etc. It helps one to forget himself for the time-being. Anyway I think we have a much easier time of it than the boys in the trenches. Our camp is

very nicely fixed up. Not too bad even for winter quarters. And the food! I could do with much less meat during the summer months. Certainly we have nothing to complain about from that quarter.

Am sorry but I have no photo to send. The folks searched my trunk at home but couldn't find them. The authorities will not allow pictures taken here to be sent home. Nevertheless I shall look for one of yours and you shall have one of mine when I return to Canada.

I am quite well and hope you are the same.

Yours sincerely
Lightizer R.