

211 Batt. D. Coy.
Army P.O. London,
Feb. 3, 1917.

Dear friend; -

As we have a holiday
this afternoon I am answering
a few letters. I received yours
the first inst and was pleased
to hear from you. As it
happened we arrived in England
the same day that your letter
was written. It seems that
mail travels so slowly.

We had a very pleasant
voyage across with the exception
of a short spell of seasickness.

We certainly had a very quiet
X mas with thoughts of home.
The Olympic lay in Halifax
harbor four days before
sailing. We had chicken,
green pease, X mas pudding,
potatoes, etc for dinner but
all were very poorly cooked.
Too few cooks for the number
of men.

Believe me, there is some
change coming from sunny
Alberta. Had only two or
three sunshiny days during
the month of Jan. The coldest
Jan. England has experienced

for over twenty years. Great suffering in the cities caused by freezing of water pipes, shortage of coal-deliverymen, etc.

We have been unable to see and do much since arriving here on account of being quarantined the while with the exception of four days.

We expect to be released tomorrow and are looking forward to getting our "leave" to go to London or elsewhere. Most of us will go to London tho.

- Witley -

Our camp, is nicely located
and we are getting fairly good
food now.

Suppose you are back at school
again "digging in" to beat all.
Here's hoping that you do your
best and pass with honors.
You will certainly never regret
the effort put forth. School-
teaching is a nice profession if
one takes an interest in children.
I have tried it altho you would
not think it, judging from my
letter-writing. Your friend,

P.S. Excuse the use of pencil
as we have no ink
at present. R.L.

Ralph Lightizer