

Sept 19th 1916

Dear Letty,

I was delighted to have your letter, and to hear that you have been to see old Jack. I was not able to write to you that day, as we were going into action the same night, but I managed to send off a field post card, which I hope you got alright.

We have been in the thick of it lately. I have just been writing to Mother, telling her about our last fight. I am jolly thankful that I am able to do it.

That was my second engagement in Co. then a week and I thank God that I have

been so far apart,


We are back behind the line just now, and I am writing this in an old dug-out. The weather is wretched, it is raining all day, and I am glad of a bit of shelter. Our food is not very high class, it consists of Biscuits and Bally. I have a slight cold but apart from that, am in good health.

We have just had a dose of rum. I had to leave this letter to get it, and having made some tea, I just feel like getting down to it, I know I shall sleep all night to-night, after the rum.

I hope that this letter

-will reach you before you return
to Grosse Pointe as I am aware that
your holiday is not as long as
usual.

I have not heard from Tom
yet, but am glad to hear from
your letter that he is safe and
sound, & I shall send him another
field card about the sixth now.



I have got a German Officer's
helmet which I brought back
with me, & hope to sell it next
time we go out for a rest. I
have had many opportunities of
getting these sort of things on
previous occasions, but have
not taken the trouble to carry
them about.

The Germans are getting

pushed back ^{and} are are gaining
themselves up in thousands,
Excuse this rough letter
perhaps the sun was a bit
strong to night, but it will
keep the cold out.

Write soon and give my
best regards to them all at home
I hope that you are having a
good time.

I will bid you good
night now, my head is not
very comfortable but much
better than if I were up there.

Yours Loving Brother
David xxx

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