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(A. Taylor to Lady Osler)

2830 B. Company
March 4th, 1916.

To Lady Osler,

My Lady,

Thanks you very much for the lovely parcel which came tonight. We have just come back from the front line after a hard spell of sentry duty and trench fatigue of 24 hours. It rained most of the night, and early this morning turned to snow. It has been snowing steadily all day, and has got quite deep. There are five of us in a small tamboo, which is rather a crowd. We shall not be out again tonight, except in case of an alarm, so we are busy preparing supper. Two of us are making porridge on the coke fire, and when there is room I have to fry the sausages in my mess tin. Then another mess tin will be required for café au lait, and we intend to finish up with chocolate & biscuits. So who says we do badly on active service!!

I was very glad of the socks, as the gum boots which we have to wear in the trenches wear out our socks very quickly. The German artillery has been very active lately, and it has been very trying for our nerves, especially as we have been up for a month this time, without going back.

Did you know that Mr Enoch had joined our battalion? He is a Lt. in C. company.

Thanking you once more for the parcel.

Yours very respectfully,

A. Taylor.