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Dear Jack,

It's a great pleasure to have to reply to your letter under present conditions and from such a wonderful old place as Oxford. This is being written in a room of one of the old Monastic houses, attached to the college, built about the 17th Century, & here we live.

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as undergraduates of war -
Having all the privileges of
members of the Univ. of Oxford;
dining in the old hall,
lodging in the student
studios, the experience
in itself is worth all the
privations we've been
thru. in France, let alone
the training as officers
that is so thorough with
the British Army.

This Company 'C.' is about
140 strong, representing
all branches of the British
Army & the Australian
Army - There being one
cadet from each Regiment
sent to this school

periodically - chosen
mostly for some particular
service or conspicuous
behaviour -

So we find ourselves
in midst of the great
University, enjoying the quietness
of it all yet, under very
strict discipline learning
the game of warfare.

Only arrived last week
so haven't quite got our
bearings yet, but you can
guess it won't be long
before I find my way to
the Bodleian library,
and the other interesting
places in the city.

Since I last wrote you

we left Salisbury Plain
for France & fought July
thru the winter.

Personally have been
very lucky, many a narrow
squeak from shrapnel
& the rest of those horrible
things they chuck about &
by a stroke of luck narrowly
escaped being taken prisoner
- none of the scouting stunts,
which were my particular
jobs.

I could write a long epistle
on the latter of July as we
found it by close observation
& reconnaissance week after
week, but the most striking
of all was the difference between
the Saxons & the Prussians -
the one fighters the others Brutes.
must stop, will write more later
Kind regards to old friends
Yours Reg.

P.S. I am here for 4 months - day back & France with my commission R