



A LETTER FROM ALBERT TATTERSALL TRANSCRIPT

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My dear Mother & Father,

Well you will know by now that we are again doing our bit in the line.

We are having some cold weather just now and the ground is in a very sloppy state.

Our trenches are not far from the enemies and in places can hear them doing work in the trenches. There are a lot of snipers in this part, of course there is no danger if you keep your head below the parapet. The Oldhams (24th M/C) are in at present, and they have lost a few men, killed and wounded.

The worst thing about these trenches is that we are always liable to bombing attacks, the reason for that being the trenches are so close. There is a lot of mining round here, and troops in reserve find parties to work them, it is a bit of an experience going to work in one of these. How they work is this, first of all a hole is cut about 100 feet deep and about 5 foot square and then passages are cut in all directions towards the enemy until we get under the enemy lines and then about 7 tons of explosive is put in and up they go planks sandbags and everything high into the air.

We are at present "resting" and go in the line again early next week.

Hoping everybody is feeling as well as I am.

Yours,

Albert.

Tell Florie that I saw John and he is looking very well.

You will notice that I have addressed the envelope to Fred this time.

Our platoon had 2 wounded whilst we were being relieved.