

<b>Accession Number:</b>	<b>McDOUGALD COLLECTION</b>	
<b>HISTORY</b>	<b>WORLD WAR 1</b>	<b>LETTERS FROM THE FRONT</b>
<b>Item:</b>	<b>Postmark sent:</b> 5 AP 1916	<b>Postmark received:</b> 8 AP 16
Envelope has three green Cdn one cent stamps. Envelope is torn open on the right edge. 164 x 93 mm		
<b>Censor marks:</b>	<b>Addressed to:</b> Mrs M.E. McDougald, Peachland, B.C.	

<b>Accession Number:</b>	<b>Date of the letter:</b> 5 April 1916
<b>Sent from:</b> Vancouver, BC	
<b>Sent by:</b> C.G. McDougald	
<b>General description of the letter material:</b> One page letter on light blue paper. Written in black ink on both sides of the paper. Paper is unlined. 215 x 280 mm	

<p>[Page 1]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">72<sup>nd</sup> Batt. S.H. of C. C.E.F. Hasting Park Vancouver, BC 5<sup>th</sup> April/16</p> <p>Dear Mother &amp; all,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Well there is not much to write about.</p> <p>Last Saturday the 72nd had a field day and about ten thousand people were present that is including the different Batts. As usual the 72nd were to the front wining fourteen firsts and seven seconds.</p> <p>I think I told you in my last letter of our march to New West, and the way we cleaned up the Irish.</p> <p>Say John I don't know the complete list of books which you require to study to get a commission but will send enough to keep you busy for a year. You have to study them so as you will be able to give detail and tell the recruit of old soldier whether he is to lift his head or toe. I am trying to find the Aerial Corp's head quarters.</p> <p>Well I got some very good news for you. <del>and</del> we received the order to prepare for overseas this morning. Gee but we did cheer. We have a half holiday</p>	<p>[One the back of Page 1]</p> <p>on the strength of it.</p> <p>I will let you know when we are going to leave.</p> <p>Enclosed please find Money Order, for ten dollars, March. I signed fifteen dollars to you the other day but I do not think it goes into effect until we leave for overseas. Be sure and let me know if you receive this money regular. Hoping you are all well, I am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Your Loving Son <u>Gordon</u></p> <p>No home guard Vernon Camp for the 72nd Batt. Pride of the West.</p> <p>PS</p> <p>Say did you receive the pictures which I sent under separate cover, one of D Coy and two of yours truly?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CGM</u></p> <p>List of books John, which I am sending under separate. I could not get the full List for they did not have them on hand.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kings Regulations</li> <li>2. Officers Guide</li> <li>3. Infantry training</li> <li>4. field service</li> </ol>	
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