

<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> Envelope and letter	<b>Postmark sent:</b>	<b>Postmark received:</b>
Plain envelope with a red one penny British stamp. Envelope is torn opened on the left hand edge. Water stain on right side. 140 x 80 mm		
<b>Censor marks:</b> Nil	<b>Addressed to:</b> Mrs M.E. McDougald, Peachland, B.C., Canada	

<b>Accession Number:</b>	<b>Date of the letter:</b> 23 July 1916
<b>Sent from:</b> Bramshott Camp	
<b>Sent by:</b> C. G. McDougald	
<b>General description of the letter material:</b> A four page letter, written in black ink on lined on one side paper. 185 x 253 mm.	

<p>[Page 1]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bramshott Camp 23rd July 1916</p> <p>Dear Mother &amp; all,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I received John's welcome letter of 28th June ok and it was Very Welcome.</p> <p>Say has HH Thompson got his gas boat back from Wringer or has he got a new one? I bet you were glad to see Candy. Say Candy I got your letter ok and was very pleased to get same. I told you that it was easy to travell [sic] alone. And I guess you laugh when you think how afraid you were of travelling alone. I will only have to write one letter instead of two now that you are at home.</p> <p>I am surprised at Cousin Fife wanting to come back to Peachland to settle down and Gummow going to the states. I guess Ben does not want to be in Peachland when we come back. If he enlists now</p>	<p>[Page 2]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>he need not worry for he would never see any fighting. The allies are raining Can over the channel.</p> <p>Yes you told me about Norman Pope and Aitkens. I saw in the Summerland Review where Bob Laidlaw was killed in action. I just received another Review yesterday and it is like a long letter from home. I pass them on to Howard and he passes them on to Douglas Male, from S.Ld.[Summerland]. The other night I saw Cpl Howis late of SLd pass by on a wheel so I yelled at him and wanted to know if he wanted to see the SLd Review. But he receives one every week like myself. It was through the Review that I knew Howis was here, by reading one of his letters to the home comforts club.</p> <p>Howard was telling me that Arthur Henderson came though the heavy fighting of the 1st &amp; 2nd June ok. But his leg was giving him some trouble so he went to the</p>	<p>[Page 3]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>Doctor and the Doc told Art. that he could not go up to the front line again and that he would get him a job at the Canadian base that is where he is at present. So he will be one that will be going home after this little scrap is over.</p> <p>Well I had the good fortune, the other day to <u>manage</u> a transfer into the Batt. Machine gun section. And I can tell you it is the most interesting thing I have struck in the Army yet. I hear that they have got too many in the section and will have to fire some. So I am going to try hard to stay. There is not much to write about except that I have been taking a machine gun course for the last week and was down at the range shoot last Wednesday and you have to hang on to the gun like death when she is firing for there is a great vibration. We hope to go to Longmoor Rifle Range next Sunday to practice with the Machine Gun so</p>
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if you do not receive a letter for a few days don't worry.

John Howard and yours truly took a hike up to Lord Tennyson's old place yesterday. I wish you could see it.

Did you notice any funny parts of [sic] letter received from some of the 72nd fellows and published in the Vanc. Daily Province? Pretty good hot air.

Well I will say So Long for this time,

Your Loving Son

Gordon

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