

Accession Number:	McDOUGALD COLLECTION	
HISTORY	WORLD WAR 1	LETTERS FROM THE FRONT
Item: Envelope and letter	Postmark sent: 31 JY 1917	Postmark received: 20 AU 1917
No stamp, just a post mark that says "SEAFORD" and a blue hospital ink stamp dated 31 JUL 1917. Handwritten across the top of the envelope is "A <u>Canadian Soldier's Letter.</u> " 135 x 92 mm		
Censor marks: nil	Addressed to: Mr. A.W. McDougald, Peachland, B.C. Canada	

Accession Number:	Date of the letter: 31 July 1917
Sent from: Haven's Croft Hospital, Seaford, Sussex	
Sent by: C.G. McDougald, A Coy 36 Hut, 1 st Res Batt, Seaford, Sussex	
General description of the letter material: Written in black ink on lined paper. Five pages. Written on one side only except on back of fifth page. The paper is 260 x 162 mm.	

<p>[Page 1]</p> <p>#129876 Pte CGMcDougald A Coy 36 Hut 1st Res Batt. Seaford Sussex 31st July 1917</p> <p>Dear Arch,</p> <p>I received your welcome letter of 16th June ok And many thanks for same. GEE! But I was glad to get that letter. I think it is the second or third I have received from you Arch since I enlisted. Keep up the good work. But be sure and regulate you [sic] speed meteor.</p> <p>Well I guess you will be surprised to hear that I am in hospital again. And I will bet if you walked in the door you would not recognize me. For I have about ten days growth of beard And my head all bound up. I have got a lovely skin disease and</p>	<p>[Page 2]</p> <p>They don't seem to know what it is. They are keeping me in bed. I am the only one in #1 Ward Havencroft hospital who is in bed. This hospital is about a stones throw from Camp. All orderlies here no pretty Canadian nurses so I am out of luck.</p> <p>Thanks very much Arch for looking after my Insurance. But you folks might get repayed [sic] some day soon. I was marked for draft last Wednesday But when the M.O. saw my face he sent me to hospital instead.</p> <p>Is Ingles and the wife visiting Potw Powells now? She has not driven poor Ingles crazy yet has she?</p> <p>I suppose you now that Emmett Shaw died of sickness. Either down East or over here.</p> <p>My bold try for a Commission</p>	<p>[Page 3]</p> <p>did not materialize. So I have half a notion to try and transfer to the Forrester's. But I don't know if they will take a III men.</p> <p>Say Arch if conscriptions comes [sic] in And you have to go (But I pray to God that you don't) sign on to anything but the infantry. I think the flying Corp is the best. But if you can not get in the C.R.F. try the CASC for your office experience will stand you good. Next comes the Artillery, then the divisional signallers, The C.A.M.C. The pay office is a very poor job unless you have been over to France and have been marked a low g category.</p> <p>Candy was telling me about the baby motor cycle that John had got. Gee! But I</p>
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would like to have a ride on it.

No I can not say I have had the pleasure of making Miss Vera Haye's acquaintance. I am glad to hear about old Carnie it shows that his heart is in the right place.

No I never meet [sic] Frank Hayward. But I have meet [sic] Henderson, Johnnie Buchanan, Harold Miller, Earnie McKay, Chas Marne, Morrison, Urquhart, Dryden and Osborne Needham in France and here in Seaford. I have meet [sic] Bryson & Gordon Whyte, Billy Sanderson, Johnnie Seaton, Billy Lupton and young Leighton McLeod. So you see I have bumped into quite of a few of the old boys .

I am sorry to hear about John and Georgina falling out for I would liked to

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have had her as a sister-in-law.

McDonald came over to England with the 211th Batt they were sent to France as a Railyway Construction Batt. And McDonald being in a trained section, namely the machine gun section, the section was drafted to the 128th. And I don't know what has become of him since. His number is 258475 Pte A.J. MacDonald.

GEE! But I am glad to hear that the lawn and bushes are doing fine. Say have you got the whole post office lot planted or just the usual piece.

When I was in France they would not let me tell you that I cleaned my rifle they were so strict.

Well I guess I will close for this time, So Long

Your Loving Brother
Gordon

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How is Leone these days? Is she still teaching at West Bank? Give her my kind regards. CGM

P.S.

Say tell Candy that I will answer her letter of the 22nd May, which I received a few days ago, shortly.

Say Arch teach Candy the use of the typewriter and make a good operator of her. For men are scarce and she should have some profession. CGM