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Dear Father & Mother,

Many thanks for three air letters, three airgraphs and three "Chronicles" received last week.

I'm sorry I haven't yet had time to write letter as promised, after a fortnight here I'm beginning to realize why they gave us 14 days leave before we came here, and why we received a 48 hr pass last week - and, during the first week here things were quite steady apart from the fact that we were a little busy settling down to the routine of a new station.

Last weekend when we were given the 48 I didn't realize what was coming the following week, so I thought it was a good opportunity to have a look at Ottawa. So I caught the train from Belleville on Friday night 18.00 hrs. arriving in Ottawa at 22.00 hrs.



So I was able to spend the whole of Saturday and Sunday morning looking round the Dominion Capitol, I left at 15.00 hrs on Sunday.

On Saturday morning I spoke to a member of the R.C.M.P. out on duty outside the Parliament Buildings, who told me where to find another mountie who kindly showed me through the whole building, he took me into the Senate Chamber, the House of Commons, the famous octagonal library, to the top of the Peace tower, the one on the 10 cent stamp, where the view, in spite of the fact that it snowing a little was truly magnificent; he also told me quite a lot about the procedure of government, which is in many ways similar to our own, I will write more about ~~But as I~~ Ottawa later though.

As I was saying before I started writing about Ottawa; Starting from last Monday, this is our programme, seven days a

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week, reveille is at 0630 hrs breakfast at 0700 P.T. from 07.25 to 07.55 then from 08.15 hrs we have lectures and or flying exercises etc. until 21.00 hrs with a break for lunch at from 12.00 to 13.00 hrs. and tea from 17.00 to 18.00 hrs.

This is to carry on for the next few weeks and it is believe me quite hard going. The time now by the way is 20.30 hrs. and I've just finished writing a two hour examination on the theory of bombing, which was rather tricky as some of the questions were very badly worded, I think the examiner wrote them in a hurry as I am doing this letter, anyway as I finished a little early, and you are allowed to go as soon as you've finished, I thought I would try and write a short letter and enclose the stamps bought in Ottawa, there is here I believe a complete set of all the stamps now



in current use in Canada, the 1.2.3.4.5.7.
8.10.13.14.20.50 all cents of course, and
the one dollar, also a new American 6 cent
air-mail; which was given to me by a
New Zealand airman who had been
there on leave.

If Mr Lee does know of any more please
let me know and I will try and get
them.

Regarding your remarks about the Perrings
in your last air-letter, I haven't really
thought much about the matter until I
received your letter last Friday, I have
always found so many other things to
talk about, other than my own education
that is, that I hardly know what to
say in answer to your question.

As you have no doubt gathered from
my letter I am not exactly proud of my
achievements in this field, so I suppose
it was (now that I come to think of it) only
natural that I should not choose to
discuss the matter any more than was

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necessary. What does rather trouble me now though is what they may, or have assumed, as far as I can remember now, from past conversations, they can actually know very little indeed, but as most of the people that I met there seemed to take it for granted that I went to a secondary school and left at the age of 16 or thereabouts I'm afraid I didn't bother to confirm or deny it, I just left it, it was much easier to say nothing about it, rather than make a lot of explanations, and it seemed unimportant at the time.

Barbara really is as I'm sure you have realised from the few times you have seen her, a sweet girl and quite intelligent, as I could always discuss with her any subject that came up about school or home she I suppose came to the same conclusion as the rest without asking, had she have asked me I should most certainly have told



her, what are to me the rather "grim" details, but as she did not I just let it slide, I regret it now, at the time though it seemed much better to let her think anything she desired to think.

As far as I can remember all that she actually knows is that I did at sometime attend the Tec. and along while ago Delgrave High School.

All this may seem a little queer to you, well frankly it does to me, it probably only complicates your point of view, but there it is, and I shall have to leave it to you to draw your own conclusions from the above remarks.

One thing that I hope you know though, is that I still like her very much.

If only I had more time I could write reams about my leave etc. I shall find time in the not to distant future I hope?

All my best wishes, for Christmas,
Ever your loving son,
Ally