

British Expeditionary Force

Nº 3. Clearing Station

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My dearest Mother,

- - - - - at present I have charge of the theatre and we are having quite a busy time there - - - - The knitted things were very soon used up by the Tommies - Before I forget it I will tell you that things are more needed here than anywhere - we are like a bottomless pit for socks - shirts - pyjamas +c and sometimes use more than 50 pairs of socks in one day - You see we get the men soaking wet from the trenches and have to change all their clothes - If you like for a change to make heelless socks, very loosely knitted, they are so useful for frozen feet - we put them on over cotton wool -

I went for a pleasant country walk yesterday, the country was very sodden & under water, but the air fresh & sunny. I don't wonder that it is the fashion to wear clogs here - the roads are the last word in horribleness to walk on - it is like walking over the rocks in St Margarets Bay, when the road is rather cut up.

My cold is nearly gone - St Omer was rather a coldy place I think, and so was Hazebrouck - but this is much better.

With love to all etc - - Edie

P. S. by



If anyone has a parcel of woollen socks &c to spare - please send them to
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