

SOLDIERS' LETTERS

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RONALD CARTER

The following letter is an acknowledgment from one of the boys at the front to the public library staff for the Christmas gifts sent by them to readers on active service:

Secretary, Fort William library.

Dear Madam: Will you kindly give my heartiest thanks to the staff for their kind Christmas gift. It came as a great surprise and brought back memories of the good times I spent while in Fort William. In fact I hope to spend a lot more of it

there "after the war is over." We are all looking forward to that, out here. Several of my chums who were in Fort William with me have gone under, but so far I have been very lucky. I was wounded in the head on May 16 but am thankful it was nothing serious. We have been in the firing line nearly ten months now, and I would not have missed it for anything. We live like rabbits, in burrows, commonly known as dug-outs.

At the present time the Germans are giving us a very warm time, but I think we gave them as good in return. This is an awful country. Rain and the mud is beyond all description. I think the Canadian boys had their share before they left England.

My dug-out mate has just called to say dinner is ready so I must conclude. With best wishes to the staff for the new year, I remain, yours sincerely,

RONALD CARTER,
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Ronald Carter of the 13th Siege Battery, Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery writes to the Fort William Public Library thanking the staff for the Christmas gifts sent to the soldiers overseas