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CHAPTER I

IN THE MAKING

Sunday, August 13th, 1914.

RÉVEILLÉ at 5.30 brought a relief from a very cold night—only one blanket between three of us in our tent of eleven men. But to-day is better, and we are all very jolly and cheerful. I am afraid I shall only have time to send hasty impressions of camp life as they strike me.

September 6th, 1914.

I feel your letters are as good as and better than a cheering crowd; we being in mufti till we get to D., will not have any "send off," and probably shall not even go together to the station. At present I don't know a soul in the R.F.A., but there are amongst a very mixed lot a fair sprinkling of very decent fellows and gentlemen; I got into it in preference because it has the record of being the best Territorial Regiment in B. for efficiency and smartness.

I hope we shall keep up the standard, as there is a lot to learn in gunnery, horse management being the same, of course, as in the Yeomanry.

We are using the 15-pounder (shell) Field Artillery gun, lighter than Royal Horse Artillery, though, of course, ours is a mounted regiment; but the Horse Artillery are not so mobile. The guns are of the type and period of the South African War, but brought up to date. I feel it very much not being able to see any of you before we move, as I fully expect we shall go to-morrow; 180 are going to-morrow and the rest later to D. As soon as I am posted to a battery I will let you know my address and the method of addressing. I have now all my kit complete, even to the vaseline and socks. We had a church parade this morning in the barrack grounds. Canon A., chaplain to the Brigade, took the service and gave a very interesting address. I would write to all in answer to letters if there were time, but this is the first day I have had between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. to arrange business matters, etc., with H., and there is much to settle, and much that I must perforce leave unsettled.

My name will be added to the church list, I suppose, next Sunday.

All of us are to go abroad as soon as trained, we believe, as we all signed on for foreign service.