

## HO-14 A Letter Home

Read this letter from a Canadian soldier in the First World War.

Dear Laura,

It's been too long between letters. I'm sorry. We've been caught up in some terrible fighting. I couldn't spare any time to sit and write you.

The fighting has been fierce. The trench has become our home for now. It's not comfortable—especially when it rains—but at least we're safe. My comrades have little to smile at as we spend so much time just trying to stay alive. We grab at food when we can, and talk of home.

How is home? I remember each room and imagine myself walking through the house. I find it helps me pass the time. I imagine sitting down to Sunday dinner with you and Mom and Dad.

Oh, how I long to be back in Canada! We've heard that the war may be ending soon. We are at a standstill. Neither side wants to give in. Yet, I'm hopeful, as we all are, that reason will return and we'll be sent home before long.

I've got to go. A call has come down the line. We're to make a charge across the field. Hi to everyone, and I pray that we'll all be together again soon.

Your brother,

John

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