

**Letter from Donald Walter Cameron of Lochiel, in France, to Lady Hermione
Cameron at Buchanan Castle, Drymen, 23rd May 1915
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My Own Most Precious One,

I have got back to the Battalion again but am very cross as the battalion is going tomorrow from where I have come & might just as well have joined me there. WE were up for instruction in the trenches & four officers went in each day. I was in this morning. All was very quiet. But the place we were billeted in was heavily shelled yesterday afternoon-one shell hitting a house just the other side of our square about 50 yards off. I was having tea at the town in a patisserie but Hugh saw it. Billets behind the lines seem much more dangerous than the trenches now. But of course on the other hand we can always keep on the ground floor or in the cellars. On returning, I found 3 letters from you up to 21st. Also parcel from Fortnum & Mason & hankies, jersey etc, Thank you so much, Drew had a narrow escape. A shell burst right over him. However he was not touched. There is heavy shelling going on now while I write in the distance. Big guns I think. Possibly a thunderstorm, as it has been very hot the last few days. As I have to get up at 4 a. m. tomorrow, must stop.