

During the half night I am on watch I sit and
roast & dry my damp things spread. We have
an mine of coal and coke, and we can obtain
wood from the farms. I have had real yule logs
this I mean. Then during my half night I am
off duty I sit on my waterproof sheet, placed
on a large bundle of straw, stretch my legs in
front of the fire, put my woollen cap right
down over my head, drop my furberny &
Great coat over me, & am asleep in two ticks
I fill a sand bag with straw & have a perfect
pillow then. Things are just the same out here, we
have little incidents, & everyone has remarkable
escapes from being hit. I'll tell you all when I
come home on leave. I shall be coming home I
expect very soon, but I may have to wait a
few weeks. I expect you know we are not using
the benches now but have built a thick brick
work at the back of the bench, & now we are on
the top in the open at the back. We have built wood-
den shelters for the men, I have a wooden hut with
a sheet iron roof which of course is waterproof & with
my fire I'm all right. The weather continues
very bad, rain, sleet or snow. I am glad you
are well at home, but I wish Mother would
not spend all her time knitting