

Meanings of Military Service

Learning Resources KS3

Letter from General Sir Neville Lyttelton to Katherine Lyttelton

29th September 1916.

Dear Darling Wife,

I had a good journey but the London train was 25 minutes late in leaving Bham though it made most of it up. I am trying to get on to Hilda who was dining out but have not succeeded as she has not got returned but I hope to get her before the post goes

The servants heard the row on the Zeppelin night, bombs and guns Lizzie says that Brixton and Kennington got rather heavily bombed.

I went over to Crutchley's after dinner. He told me the Guards had 160 officers killed and wounded and that poor young Lane is among them – his father must be broken hearted. Willcox is still bad and two of the other permanent clerks are laid up too.

Henderson is blundering along. Like most of his sort he is totally ignorant of etc ... and procedure and goes making grandiose promises before being authorized to do so and is now rather bogged.

.... was here yesterday and will be in London till the 8th – 65 Cadogan Gardens. I must try to get to see them tomorrow.

I didn't catch the train at Stourbridge by too much. The old man went very slow and was evidently feeling the double journey.

Post imminent and Hilda has not rang me up as I hoped she would. I telephone to ask her to.

Loving

Arthur going on well I was told when I delivered the parcels.