

ditions prevailing at the time, and I am sure many members may empathize with his first impressions of life in the Force.

Regina, July 19th,
1886

To all the folks at home
and in answer to your letter.

Dear Sister,

I write to hear how the folks are all at home and to let you know wher I am and how I am getting along I like to live out here on the plains splendid we have had lots of work sense we arrived here we were kept on fatigue twice a day senc we came reparing and fixing up things for Sir John A. McDoneld was here to visite the forse last night there is quite a barriks here for the Police it is too miles from Rejina there isn't a tree to be seen in sight look where you will it is kind of lonesome on the plains at first after been used to the bush and city life there was forty too of us left london on the sixt of July leaving at six in the evening left Sarnia by Stemor Ontario at 11. PM arriving in goderich 6 in the morning and in Kincardine at noon we were three days and three nights on the water arriving in Port Arthur about ten oclock Fridy night and remained there until Saturday evening until five oclock passing over three hundred and fifty miles of solled rock country passing through under the bluffs in many places it would get quite dark in the train in day time going through those mountains of rock until we come near rat Portage then we arrive on the Prairies passing though

Winnipeg we had breakfast there at ten oclock Sunday morning going through Brandon and Portage La Prary and several other small towns arriving in Regina at twelve or one oclock on Monday morning the twelfth of July this is the head quarters of the Mounted Police we will be here for three months to learn our drill then we are transferred to some other post further west I would like if you could send me the Kincardine news paper sose I could hear all the news from home it is sixteen hundered miles from London to here we have a nice place to sleep here in the barriks every man has a birth of his own we have good board to but we have to pay ten cents per day for it while we are here but when we get to another post we have to tuf it in tents the worst of it is you cant get away untill your five years is in unles you be a deserter there was too of them skipped from here a few nits ago but if they ketch a fellow they prison them for one year there is several of them here in the sels now and some indian prisoners hors thieves they are around every day with a ball and chain to their leg at work they have to do all the hardest work I am sleeping in the room where the indian prisoners was kept a year ago last spring and next door was where Reil and the prisoners was hung just bak of the sells in side of a high fence I havent much more room to write this time so I must Say good by this time

From your affectionate Brother

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DRIVE WITH CARE

The 'life you save may be your own.
