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Monday

My dear Pippa

I think Papa has some knitted socks which he doesn't want. I took 2 pairs, but if you can find another 2 you might get them sent to me, as they are useful for marching & playing golf.

We have got Augustus Harris's Italian Opera for this week, with the 2 Ravogli's & others in it; I am very extravagant & have taken seats for 5 of

the performances, viz. Orfeo &
I Pagliacci, Carmen, L'Amico
Fritz & Cavalleria, I Rantzau,
& Faust. Considering that in
London one would have to pay
1 guinea for exactly the same thing,
I think 7/6 is rather cheap.

We begin tonight, when 6 of us
are going.

We had a most highly dangerous
performance this morning - scaling
drill - we were taken to a fort
& supplied with a lot of ladders
which fitted together like fishing
rods; we then had to descend into

the ditch, turn the ladders over
& ascend the wall - about 40 feet.

The Officers always occupy the
post of honour on these occasions
& go up the ladder first & come
down again last, so they get shot
before anyone else & if the ladder
is a rotten one they find it
out before the others. However
today we had no casualties.

The Entertainment is to be
repeated tomorrow & the next
day, but I shall not be there,
as I have to superintend an
exam of soldiers for 1st Class
Certificates of Education; - which

same I am sure I couldn't
pass myself.

I have called on the Wolseleys,
Jekylls (Pl^{ce} Sec⁴ to Vicarary) & on
Lady Bridgway, & have been to
dinner with a man who used to
be in the regiment but whom I had
never seen before he asked me.
The fact was that his wife had suddenly
sent him out to get some one, & everyone
else in the mess was ready with an
excuse, which I wasn't as I didn't
think he was the least likely to attack.
The result was
10/- for a cab + the price of my own
dinner in mess & a very cold night.

Love to the family

Yr affct^d brother

Dick