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Private Chas. H. Coles

No 6/2108

C. Company

5th Reinforcement

Trenton

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Dear Auntie Inez

I daresay you will be surprised to hear that I have joined the Army. You see we were not doing extra good in business so my partner & I came to an agreement that I should still remain in the business & he will do his best while I am away. You would open your eyes if you could see this Camp, there are over 5000 men here, we have had a long route march two days running & my feet are beginning to feel sore, today is Sunday there being only Church Parade so it is a rest for us & I think most of us need it. I don't know where we are going to but will let you know as soon as I can, there is some talk of us going to England but nobody knows as yet I suppose you have heard that Billy has joined too in England so there is two of us now & I would not be surprised if Jim joined. I suppose you are getting quite busy now with the fruit, well Auntie I wish you luck with it Remember me to Uncle Charlie, Elsie, Llanora & Wally with heaps of love to yourself.

Yours

Your Affest Nephew. Charlie