

c/o Rifle Brigade  
4749 Umballa

March 8<sup>th</sup> 98

My dearest Pippa

It was very good of you to  
announce to us so promptly the  
arrival of the new nephew. We  
were both taken quite by surprise  
as no-one had hinted to us  
that such an event was expected.  
Poor Pippa - we both pitied you so  
for your trials in Paris. I can  
scarcely imagine anything more  
trying than having to nurse the  
Daphne in a foreign hotel too!

We have one more to move ourselves  
and our belongings - this time  
to a spot called Sdon, half-way  
to Siula. There the Govt will  
kindly rent us a four-roomed  
wooden-hut, each room being  $12 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

We are very fortunately the senior  
couple in the regiment. An important  
subaltern & his wife, (who will be  
the only other lady there) who possess  
a baby and an English nurse  
only have two of these spacious rooms  
allotted to them. We go up the  
end of this month, unless a kind  
and discerning Govt give Dick

something nice between this and then  
which does not seem likely. Every  
appointment is horribly jotted out  
here now-a-days and we unfortunately  
neither of us know the right people  
to get round.

My youngest  
brother Claude is with us till we  
leave - he having been ordered  
here to do a riding class with  
the British Cavalry regiment - it  
is so nice having him. He had  
been 6 months on active service  
when he was ordered here and  
greatly appreciated the comforts of  
civilization once more.

I wish you could know your 900  
namesake, my little dog. She is  
the most popular dog in the place  
and really possesses an enormous  
amount of character. She attends  
every function with us - has even  
come to Church on her own  
account more than once. We  
christened her Filippa - but she is also  
known as Flipper, Tipper, Flopstock & a  
variety of other names, more or less similar.  
Do send me a detailed account of all  
your three drawing-room dresses. We  
should like photos of you in them  
if that were possible. We have none  
of you girls since you had your hairs  
up. Best love from us both. Yr affec<sup>n</sup> sister Grace