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far as possible and then I worked Pompey.

Sunday afternoon, a lot of bombers about - some instant bombing but all managed to move working. Went to Church Parade this morning, very poor turnout, then spent some time walking about & working out a practice company attack on part of our positions. After lunch walked same miles to our neighbour's battalions, the 18th, Gray was out so walked back where you had some afternoon tea.

Our camp is amazingly comfortable. Everywhere men got dug in to shelter, apart from the trench work, all our cookhouses are dug in everyone eats under cover. We are quite snug for any weather so are bound to be shifted soon. We had heavy rain last week and a few dug outs were flooded but everyone was able to sleep dry another rain would do no damage. A lot of trenches got stuck in loose sand turned into mud but they are all out now.

I have been playing chess quite a lot in these long evenings. I can beat anyone here provided I don't get careless.

Another day or two before I need port this so will knock off. Hope you have had good fishing up to now.

Monday.

I'll proceed a little further, it will do you good struggling with my writing. Nothing has happened in the meantime. Pat Smart managed to get tight last night for reasons