

In Camp

Near Helena M.T.

July 10th 79

My Dear Captain

May I ask you to
do me a favor - it is this.
Some time last July - Sergeant
Frank Whitlaw was passing thro'
Bismarck on his way to Canada
and I gave him a Meerschaum
pipe. to take to Canada and
have mended. . . but have not
heard anything from him since
as I expected them to get my
appointment and be in Fort Walsh
long before this but have been
disappointed so far but hope to
make the ripple soon. I am going.

to Canada as soon as I
get through my shooting. Will
you kindly see Mr. Whitla and
ask him for the pipe see what
the charges are and I will reimburse
you the amount. It cannot be
over 50[¢]. please pay him and
send the pipe by mail to me
at Helena, Montana. at any
rate kindly answer this I am
nearly distracted as every thing
has gone against me but I live
in hope if I die in despair

How old fellow do this one act
of kindness for me and I may

Some day be able to reciprocate
I think Whittier is Capt Clark's
Clerk. at any rate kindly write
him as the pipe was a gift from
a dear friend - Enough of this
I am having great sport have
killed a number of Grizzly Bear
and any quantity of Deer
and Antelope - we got 8
bear. some were huge ones
I wish I could see you and
have a social drink and
a long chat. hoping to hear
from you by return mail
Believe me
My Dear Hechette
Yours sincerely
H. Mason

C. H. Mason

Helena
