



ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Royal Park

Nov 25 1916

My Dear Mother

Just a few lines to say how things are going my mother is almost well again. I had the stitches out this week but I am afraid it will leave a scar, it seemed dead for some time the Doctor said the nerves were injured by the bang. Well now is Philip's three months I hope it is well he was very un-lucky & I trust they are doing better than when Father lost wrote he was saying things were bad. Mother & John & Peter after a long chase & he directed me to Gussy where he said Uncle Jack was staying & found Gussy & her husband say was but Uncle Jack had gone home



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also Mummy Fanny a week ago from there I was directed to Huntly Grace & Uncle Walter's family & as soon I found well & very nice & there are two girls at home Ethel who is 16 & Daisy who is about 23 or 24 very nice girls & a boy about 3 years very nice little chap Gussy also has two boys but I have only seen one & he a little terror about 3 years Peter also has two more boys he is 5 in family I did not see Bert he was working I was supposed to go there to dinner tomorrow but this being on guard put an end to it all I am on for 24 hours come off tomorrow night & it is then raining & then during terrible

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I have not had a chance to go down to Keeling yet for the boats are not running on account of this coal trouble, but I am looking forward to having a look at them all before I leave which I expect will be about the young of next month we expect to collect at Fremontle for coal & troops there to collect this camp last week by the radio. Mother I have not been able to leave my photo taken with this more of mine, but will do so before I leave. I had it taken in a group upon the grounds but I have not seen them yet. I am able to pick my self out by the clicking plaster on my face.

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Neither I have not seen Mother since or called on Dora. Rather but will do so when I get the time. Mother did still you I let the Lord & go to Andrew to cover his bill. I have had some trouble over the mail money which I made pay able to Mother & they would not pay at first as it was not witnessed but I have sent over new forms signed & witnessed to Drew until end of year. Now Mother I shall have to say goodbye give my love to them all at home also Dora & Dora & Laura & Children. Hoping Laura is had good news from Arthur. Love with love & best wishes for yourself from your ever true Port Wren.

Methodist Soldiers' Institute

Military Camp, Royal Park,

Dec 7 1916



My Dear Mother

Your ever welcome letter
I had a few days ago which I was very pleased
to receive & to hear of Jean & her twin doing so
well for Phill shall have to work a little longer
for them I trust his time is better again
Well Mother I was fortunate enough to get
down to Geelong & see them all except ^{uncle}
George - he works up can't say they all made
me very welcome & I did not see Rosey Grigg
she was at work & I thought to see her on
Sunday but they did not take me there again
they want me to come down again if I have time
I stayed with Uncle Phill who looks well &
young they are all well except Aunt Millie
she seems to be worrying very much over her
boy. I also called on Henry Rose at Asot Vale
they were all well but I was surprised I thought
to find her or rather pictured a very different
looking woman thought she was tall with
large dark eyes I went & saw two of her married
daughters one who had just lost a little one
about 2 years old by falling pulled a hole
of hot soup



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poor girl was very much broken up over it, they live at Coburg a little distance from Bentley Grace whom I visited also, with Gerrie Hawthorne & her husband who also live at Acot Vale, I went there expecting to find Uncle Jack who Peter said was up with his launch in dock, but he had left a week previous so I missed him. Peter lives at Port Melbourne he is aged very much I had arranged to go & dine with them last Sunday week, but had the misfortune to be on guard for 24 hours. we have had a lot of it of late so one does not have much time to one self, we were to sail on the 11th now it is put off until 19 so we will strike Fremantle about 22nd. Yes Mother this coal strike is very terrible & now things are not too bright in England everything seems to be in a bad way throughout. Well Mother Melbourne is not at all a nice place to live in. Wind dust & rain one day or the other it is often blowing a gale today with terrible dust storms but looks like rain again tonight which I prefer to the dust for its effects. My day is very much especially like today

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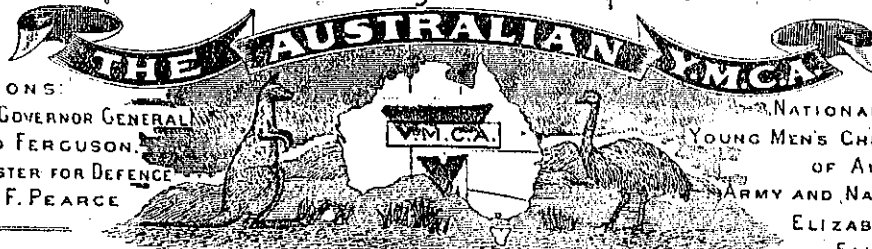
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Resident Chaplain:
REV. E. H. SUDEN, M.A.

Lo Ted was to sail on the end of the month
he will be ahead of me then. Mother this
surprise is killing me we are going through
our drill all over again. You asked me about
my stripes Mother no there is no stripes going
I was too late & there is so much competition all
are after them or rather many of them but
it is not much of a snap for a V.C. has
a lot of worry here amongst such a ch.
men for we have them of all stations of life
but things in general are improving & I am
getting more use to it. I had a rise last week
taken from the reinforcements & put into
the first rates so I am above all the W.A.
boys but one who was made a sergeant when
he landed & he is a poor old thing to they
counted him out last week twice so they
have shifted him off the drill staff.

Now - Mother I think I have said all this time
& I hope this will find you all doing well give
my love to them one & all & accept the very best
for yourself, from your ever affectionate son
Ben

For God, King and Empire.



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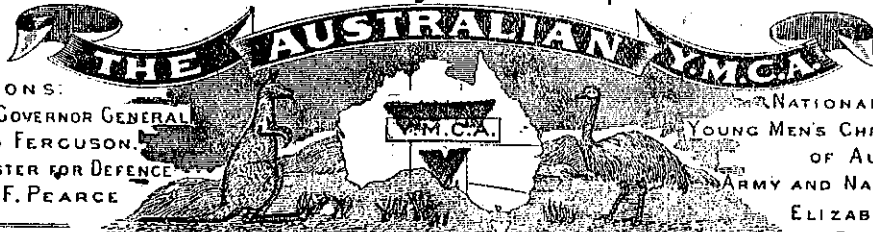
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My Dear Mother and John 5 1917

just to let you know that Ben and I are in the best of health and having a good time at sea we are about 2300 miles from you now I had to put my best bag down the hole and Ben O. saw the name and asked what his bag was doing there it was mine with a fine lot of clothes. He did not know that I was coming on. I could just see Ben and that all not near enough to hear I was sorry I could not speak to him he was quite broke up I could see as we was leaving I did not see Jack. Our food is very good I could eat all day long I have my dinner and about three I could have another dinner. It is a very long trip all I have seen is two or three birds and two flying fish you see very little and I cannot say too much.

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about us. There is a great game on
deer call house it the game the
take over money. no good to me
I lost a few shillings and got more
back and worked off the game. Boy
ing and all kinds of game. We are
going to have a play soon.
I have not been sick yet. I did
not feel to go to the front days
or two my chest was bad for
three or four days. He loves
a wife and three little ones at
home. It has been lovely weather
so far. We haven't met any Jan Fish
yet. They are no good to us. Old Bill
would give his kids a holiday
if he got us. It is just four miles
now and it about 9 or 10. at night. It
has had come on to rain it is quite hot
we are having very hot weather
since we left down here. We sleep it
just like a stone. Will Dean?
Will close now. You may get another
with this one. Good Bye love from your
ever loving son. Ted

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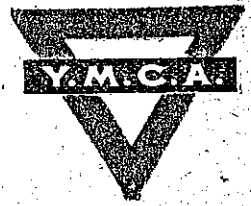
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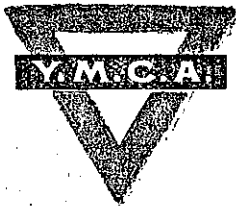
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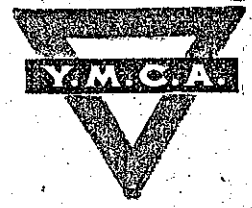
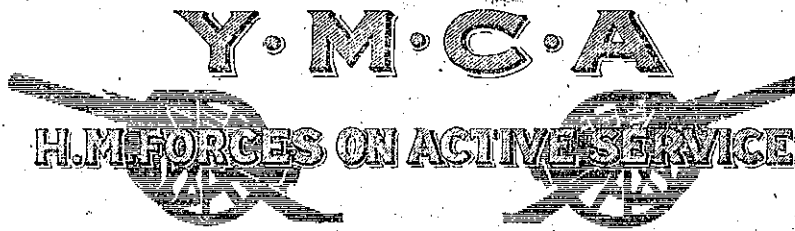
My Dear Mother

just a few lines to let you know that I am, O.k. hoping you are the same Well dear We have been hear three weeks this Saturday and had NO pay But I think We Will Be getting some tomorrow. I dont know When We Will Be going on leave Two of our huts are Isolated and all the 17/28 the hut I am in is guard and Cordley. I am one Cordley. By word We are going to be hard times in the way of food little Bits of Br and meat have to be taken Back I tell you what happened this morning We had Fish and one piece of B per man and there were two or 3 little Bits left abt one inch so I throw them in With the scraps and When I got down there an Officer Was there Went off Cook an the chap had to take them out he said they can Be used up do you know that they Put all that stuff in our store things must Be pretty hard they dont know that there is a War on in Australia

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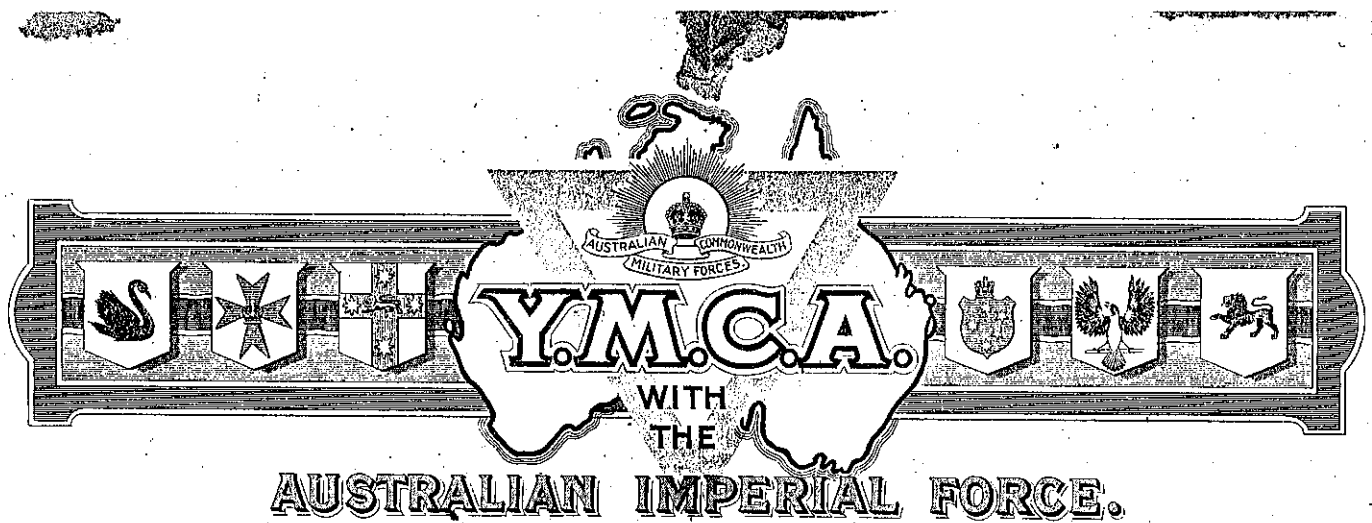
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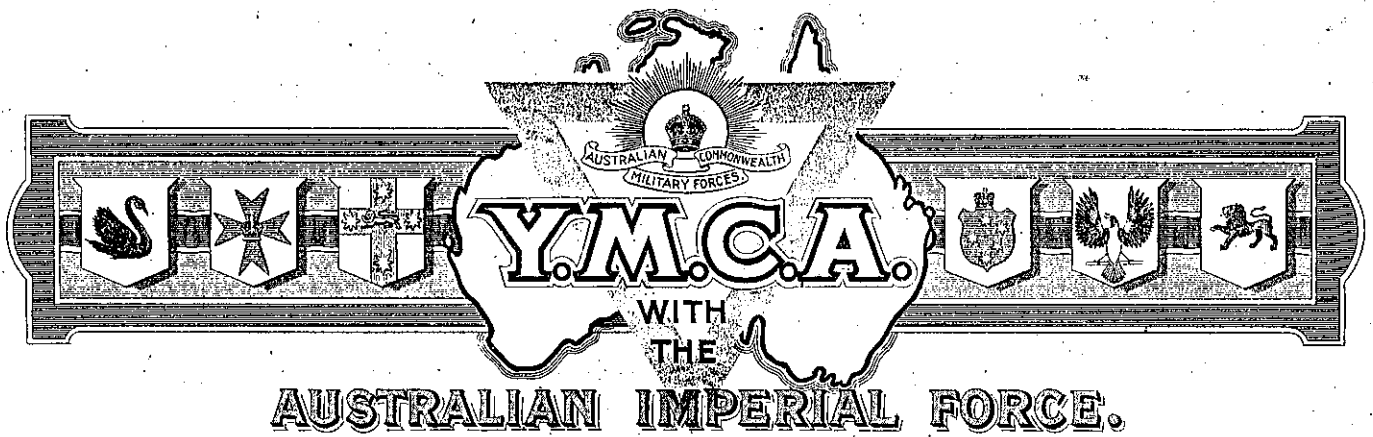
I don't think the war will last too long now
they are doing pretty good. We are expecting the 11/28
hear any time now the 17/28 are on draft they will
go any time now and then we are next. We will be
some time yet. We are expecting a mail any time
I will be pleased when it comes. I have only had
two letters from home and they were from you till
Barney to with every week. have you seen any
thing of Flo? I had a letter from Mack and
he said that she was at the hotel at the Beach
is Barney still going with Trancees or don't
in it seemed like it when I left, is Barney
and Dana speaking yet. Well love I will close
now as there is nothing to write about. Good Bye
love With Best of love and kisses from your
ever loving Son Ted xxxxxx. PS Give my love
to all at home and Mrs Westerburg and the Boys
and Mr and Mrs Able and Boys. Good Bye
My Dear xxxxxx (Don't Worry)



April 16 1917

Dearest Mother

just a few lines to let you know that I am o.k. Well dear We go on a review tomorrow to Bullford 9 miles from here there 1000s of men in this camp to night camp in tents I pity them for it has been a rotten day and a rotten night We went for a march this afternoon but it rained so hard that we came back Fred Bean is down from bedford But two men feather on at Lark Hill. Well dear I have just heard that you can't send any money to me so I wrote to see if I can find Arthur and see if he can get it or you will know what it is This Y.M.C.A. is full to night We had a job to get a seat to write there was a line of us in for a day about two miles long and more to morrow and yet they say if we can't get more men we can't win Why men they can hardly feed who they have got I often go to bed hungry and if it was not for our pay We would starve



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We live on the leontines and y. mar. But we can
 only live off them after five at night. We went down
 to ~~short~~ shurton 2 miles from here and went to
 a little place for tea and there was four of us
 and we ask for six pieces of bread and 14 cakes
 she went off like a gun. Care men you can't hear
 that you know we are six week off starryas
 I can give you two pieces of bread and and cake
 and as many eggs as you want and run as
 in a tail a yard long or she brought us
 six piece of bread and 8 cakes what we ask
 four in the first place she thought we
 want 6 each. They are mad here and the
 first of it I am getting so (fat) it is not what
 I eat for one can't get too much one chap ask
 me did I have tooth ache this morning and Bill
 said no it is the condition he is got. Yes -
 today is the best 2 hours sun I have seen
 since I have been here it was lovely. We

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We laid down on a hay stack and went
to sleep it was just like Australia again
But it did not last long. How is your eye
getting on? hope it is better. How is all of the
folk. Remember me to them all and all
at home. Tell them to write and send my
old socks they have got for I am cold footed.
I wish I had my White Star gunzoy
I could do with it now you would not
credit how cold it has been talk to any
one in London about it. Salisbury they
say that rather place the last place
I made made it on a Saturday too?
think Well love I will close now
hoping this will find you in the best
of health as it leaves me could not be
better hoping to hear from you and
all soon Good Bye love I am your
ever loving Son Ted XXXXXXXX
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April 14. 1917

No 6351

18/28

7 Brigade

My Dear Mother

Just a few lines hoping
you are well I had two letters from Vera but
did not get any from you or any of the others
I wish they would write if they were here
and know what it was like to get a
letter from home they would soon write
I have wrote lots to them but no more till
I hear from them they can easy spare 5 minutes
to drop me a line I have wrote to Ben and
Arthur but had no word from them I sent
a form to London to find out were Arthur
is We had sports the other day it was a nice
day I got a race well it was 10 for us 11 out
of each boy had to take off their boots and
put on an coat and had and stand back
about 3 yards and ruled getting dressed and
pull pack up and for march 10 yards were
well we got it best dressed and first the
Prize was 3 pound that is five Bob each
it will come in verry handy for smor

I have was 100 of the 17/28 Went the night
before and a lot out of other boys about 300
men all told We are next We were told off
to night as a mercandee I am in it we are as
good as been on draft may be there by
the time you get this letter But dont
worry I be all right or it will be a
long time yet. Vera brother is worrying a
lot over frank he was killed just before
I left and Vera says she is worrying a lot
over me she seems to like me mum. one of
my pals went to the Hospital the other
night and another to Parks House camp
to fight with mumps We are total 200
isolated for 24 days We go out to drill
just the same. a pommie shot himself
last Saturday and one of our chaps died
last Friday and there was a bit of an
explosion on Monday some officer and
men were at the bombing school some
thing exploded. Cut a few about one mile
did I tell you that I got 24 hours off and
12 hours leaf for been the best dressed
on guard too. Will love I Will close now
Good Bye dear I am your ever loving son Fred XX
XXXXXXX Give my love to all. and dont
forget



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Address reply to No. 6351

Section _____ Company _____ Battalion 28 Reg't.

~~Written~~ June 7 1917

My Dearest Mother

just a few lines to let you know I am in the Best of health Hoping you are the Same. Have you had any letter from Benof late I wrote to him But got no answer I have not had any letters from anyone for some time now it must be too brownish It is very hot here and We are very short of Water the only Bath We get is a steam one If I got to many of them I will fall me down for I am pretty fat now all the chaps sling off at me When I say I getting thin they tell me I Won't Be able to see out of my eyes soon, We get Very good food here We have a hot tea everying it don't get dark here till after ten they Blow lights out Before it is dark We get up at 5-30 Breakfast at six



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Address: reply to

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We have long hours. The High men
and the old Chaplain is very good they
make plenty of fun to be in the camp
you would not think there was a war
on The Australian are a lot of hard drudgery
a Rag time lot ~~to~~ But they can do
there drill if they like But they don't
like it. I sometimes go out to hear them
some times at the Bull Ring. Count on
the instructors. They don't like it at
all But it must break them up
they have to do their work and teach
up there are some good ones and
some pretty rotten ones. Perhaps
I am sending you a card in this letter
from here. Well dear I will close now
hoping this will find you in the best
of health as it leaves me at home.
Give my love to all at home and kiss
the little ones for me Good bye dear
I am your ever loving son Ted + + +
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My Dearest brother June 27. 1912

I just a few lines in answer to your ever kind & welcome letter which I received yesterday. Things are worse at Bath but I was pleased to hear they are very sorry. Bath address I hope the quite better again now. We were out on a visit of a sort the other day I see some of the shops I went down to see if Ben was there but he had gone I have not seen him for nearly four months now. I had a letter from him he has been in London again and is quite well. I all see had a letter from Father and Mary and down also Bath. There is plenty of old servants and Black Countrymen I had a lot of them yesterday. It rained very hard last night and the storm blew it topsy

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the morning it is a great pity that I am in good at the present it is the best job of the last day you see some fine work here at night. We are still in need of you many of need of some. Ben Brook up I have seen a lot and some of the ones you can not find a hole there they cut down of wood trees. That work they had in London I know a girl there it was not there minutes walk from her place she got a bit of a shaking up I thank very much for the notes they are just what I want I have not got them yet they will go to England first and I will be looking if I get them my address is 25 Bath. B. Co. 97. I hope my love to all at home I will write to them

later remember me to the Boy
 and Mrs. the Wisteg and Mr and
 Mrs Able. Well dear I will close
 now Hoping this will find
 you in the Best of health as
 it leaves me in season. Will G
 Bye dear cheer up and don't Worry
 it won't be long before I am
 home again I am your ever
 loving son Ted x x x x x x x x x x x x
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France
August 3. 1914

My Dear Brother just a few lines
in answer to your ever most Welcome
letter. I had a letter from Ben he
is up this way I think. We have
shifted from our old place, the people
here are Frenchish, it is very pretty
up this way, I don't think they will
be a shortage of flour this year
they are cutting there wheat and
is pretty good. By what I see of it
it has been raining ever since
we came here. We get a lot of
marching it nearly get me down
at times the roads are bad if it
is not mud it is hard stone
and it is bad to march on. We
can get plenty of milk here and
bread. We buy it at the back
here bread at two francs
a loaf that is 1/8 in English money
and butter you can get about
a 1/2 of a pound for a franc
10 pence it is not so bad.

there Bread is flat and as big
round as a big size frying
pan and some very long but
it is good Bread the light a
big fire in the oven and let
it burn out and then put the
Bread in it it takes about an
hour to cook. I had a letter
from Parney he tells me
if Sarah is married he is a bit
hurt over it, it is the best
thing that could happen.
Yes Mother I will write to
Rose as soon as I can, Sunday
is the only day we get to
write a good letter. There is a
lot of planes about to-
day I have not received
a bit of news yet. I am so
sorry to hear poor old Berg
is ill Give her my love Mother
I am very sorry for poor
Aunt Mill she is having bad
luck. did Jack get Gabe's money?

Very Best, it is no good I
can tell you. Yes dear we
are getting pretty good for
Yes I had a letter from Cora
she is well she has a pretty
short trip down the coast
Well love I think I will
Run off for now as
there is not much to
write about now Will
say and find some
more for next week
Well good Bye love
and don't worry Hop
ing this will find you
in the Best of Health
as I am, Give my love
to all at home with
love and kisses from
your ever loving son
I am xxxxxxxxxxxx

France

Sept 5. 1917

My Dearest Mother

just a few lines
in answer to your ever welcome
letter that I received today there
is still one missing I got No 12
No 11 is missing and some of Vera's
all so, I think they must of gone
down, I thank you very much
for Bob Jeff Address I don't know
Where the 2 9th are but I may come
across them some day. I am pleased
to know Arthur is on his way home
he will be there by then. I saw
young Harry the other day he
told me that he seen Arthur
about six weeks ago in England
and he was going the next day
he said that he looked Will
Arthur had just been up to
see his Brother I was pleased
to hear it for his place is at home

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You say he has six months
left Well dear he will never see
this part of the world again not
in War time anyhow. Yes brother
Ben is always unlucky But he
is Lucky in this place I suppose
you have heard by this that
he has been Wounded in the head
I hear it would be a piece of
shell I think I wrote to his Co.
to find out ~~the~~ all about
it, I Went down to see one of my
pals at the Hospital last Sunday
and I met one of the chaps that
came over with Ben and he
told me about it a runner told
him I think it must of happened
last Saturday I don't think it
is any thing to Worry about
I know was only two of them
but it would be the Chap in
the car with him We always
getting wounded and getting to
England is lucky I suppose he is

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an England Pig this I expect a
litter from him any time now.

Yes man I have turned 2, I did not
have a holiday, We were out doing
a stunt and at night I was on Guard
I would of liked to of been home
But I will be there for the night
Don't send any more parcels I do
not get them as it is no good
I did not get any of the last

Yes I did hear that you are
having a Bad Winter out there
We have had a good lot of rain
over here of late But this last
three days has been very hot
I am pleased to hear that
old man Winterburg is about
again. I am getting the letters
all right now But I have only
got one from Father I have not
heard from Philp or Jean yet
do they write I got one from Dan
and Lard I wrote to Rose last week
I sent her a little soap cake

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I Would like to send you some
things But I could not get
them away. I don't suppose there
is many fads left in Albany
now. Barney tells me that
the of G. has been in camp
since I left I Wish I Was there
With them, I Bet They are
having a good time at the
ports. Well dear I Will say
Good Bye for now Give
my love to all hoping this Will
find you in the Best of health
as it leaves me at present Good
Bye dear With Love and kisses
from your ever loving
Don Ted

P.S. I got little Ruth's
letter all Right
kiss the little one for
me

Belgium

Sept 16. 1917

My Dear Brother

just a line as so dear
to let you know I am Well.
I am well up in it now. I have met
a lot more of the Lads I have not seen
Wally yet. There is a bronchmore down
here I will try and see him
I have not heard from Ben yet
I have seen a lot of the chaps
that came over with him
he has gone to England I have
not got any mail this time may
get some to day. On church parade
this morning you could hardly hear
one another speak and then a lot
of Fritz came over and we had
to stop for a while dropped a
few Bombs and went again. We are
having some pretty good weather

The First dive came up But not
one of the ~~Albany~~ Boy came
They left the Behind a lot
of ours to, one of my coppers is
in the Hospital Bill is here with
me. It is the end of the summer
here today. How are things
at home How is the ~~the~~ Fishing
Well dear - I think I will close
now Give my love to all
Good Bye dear With love and
kisses from your ever loving

Love Ted xxxxxxxxxx
xxxxxxxxxxxx

Don't Worry

Sept 23. 1917

My Dear Brother

just a line dear to
let you know I am O.K. I suppose
you have heard of our stunt
I came out all right it was not
too bad. We came out yesterday
morning. I see Fred Bear yester-
day he is going up to hold
the trench I have not heard
from Ben yet. I got a letter
from you yesterday I will
answer it later. When we get
settled down we are all ~~just~~
about ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~time~~. Sid
Smith is all right he is here
at my tent now. We had a
little rain the night we jumped
off it was very cold. We soon
got warm. I have not received
any parcels yet I am pleased
if either is here. Love are things
at home Give my love to all

There is a machine up this way
he is on the line the ground
We went over was very muddy
in places you would go down
up to your waist had to pull
out and then out the ground
was cut up a good bit wish
shell well dear I will close
now dear Hoping the will find
you in the best of health as
I am at present With Love and
the kisses from your ever loving
Son Ted xxxxxx
Don't Worry

Sept 26. 1944

My Dearest Mother

Just a line or so dear to
let you know I am in the
best of health hope in the fall will
find you the same. Have you
heard from Ben of late I have
not heard from him for a
long time I wrote to his C.O.
Will I hear I thought Bert I got
an answer saying he had
never been with the third
A.C. S. I. I don't know what
he was with he had often
sent his address on his letters
Bert I was all ways around
and I will write now to
the A.C. S. I. and see if that
will find him. How is the
weather over that way now
it is pretty fine here now I hope
it keeps fine for a while
We will need it I don't think
this can last much longer

I am pleased to know that Arthur
is home and looking as well I am
and little ones would go mad for a
while Barney was telling me Jack
Ralph is to be married to my

Robert, it would be a great wedding
I would like to be there I guess I would
have some fun they are pretty
pretty mad How does Old Bill
take it. I see one of my photos
in the Old it got the other day
Fred Bean had it it put me in
mind of Old Jim I see Fred
the day I came out of the line
he was going up my time. Well
dear I cannot tell you much about
the stunt you would read more
than I could tell you But don't
worry I am quite well and will
come through all right. My copper
has a striped belly is still still
in the Hospital I hope he stays
there for a while he is a married man
With three or four kids and my other copper is
married

So you see I get along With the X Old heads
They are a good Bit older than I am
I have not received any parcels yet
Dad sent one Dont send any more
dear it is not much good if I dont
get them it Would Be alright if some
one got them some one that needs them
But I think they must stay in the
Post Office Well dear I With love from
Mother Will find you in the Ferry
Best of Health as I am at present
give my love to all Good Bye dear
I am your ever Loving Son

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x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x

Dont Worry I am
all Right x x x

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The boy in the bed on my left -
and his left leg, has only the left
the one on my right is been hurt -
and up to with a thick red mass inside
9 out 12 years old for 14 days. There is
a lot of these gas beads, but the air
is breaking them and disappearing
I sure pretty soon that even the
started using gas, for ours is so times
over. I hope for this I we don't expect
it, but he is very cunning, he don't
wait long enough to get ill by he used
in cloud form so we have to depend
upon the shells which are being
fired. The boys were having a few
spirits from pills in the air but the
climate would be too bad so far
Well Mother I received your letter
letter a few days ago, it was the first
I had received for the month. I am
home I have not received a letter
at all from the boys hard back with
paralysis I asked them to send a few
things over from France but they
are not so handy yet report back for
I would get nothing over with me
only the few things that were in
my pocket they put into a small bag

II
which had run out the other
supplies out of the hall just
put it down out of my history and
that would be the end of it. I have
child here to them. I have in
a child position in my room
I am otherwise if I had I could
me in the body. I am in good
which I am sure will be a good
I am sure keep anything else my stomach
high is my third child. I am sure
Hospital, I am taking the out-
of the ambulance to bring in the
when they let me back which I
me up. The boys were at the
chilling me at all but one back
a lot of this is an Army Hospital &
they were having a rumbling up I all
the boys from all the Imperial Hotel
there are no separate ward here with
46 in each ward it is worst &
ready to the Imperial Hotel
I would be a bad place in the
winter being so late being
Here are good men here at present
some of them are said to look at
but they are all merry & strong



In the Field,

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1917

I expect one from him tomorrow. I am going to put in for Paris deaf soon, they tell me it is a great place but I doubt that I was waiting for to go with her gone to the Hospital with her sister, he may not belong away he may get to Blegby or stay if he is lucky. I suppose things are pretty busy now. How did Leonard's turn out? I know they did



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In the Field



In the Field, France

Dec 31. 12. 1917

My Dearest Mother

Well dear this is the last night of the New-year, I suppose the bells are ringing the old year out and the New one in. I would like to be there last New-year day. I was with it and I have not had any mail for a while. I may get some tomorrow. When I go down to the camp I had one from Ben about 8 or 9 days ago.



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In the Field



We have had a little snow but a lot of frost it is pretty cold on the feet and hands the wind is very cold we can not go out now we are having very good weather for the time of the year, so long as the rain keeps off I don't care. Now is the time for going pretty good I hope. Now are the little ones keeping



not yet it good thing too I suppose the article is over by this so father back yet what does he think of the place now I tell him to write I have only had one letter from him since I left, I had for Philip I have had one I have wrote to them all pretty often I expect one from Rose my Jim now. Did you get the Xmas cards all right.

Don't Worry
xxxxxx
xxxxxx

In the Field,

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heard from her yet
 I wrote to Elsie and
 Geo before the other day
 They are well I have
 not seen Roy yet he
 is in the 3rd Div 39th Bn
 I still have the old pen
 inson I am writing with
 it now well than I
 will ring off - Ever Hoping
 this will find you in
 the very best of health
 as it leaves me at present
 has the little ones for me
 Give my love to all at
 home so good bye dear

In the Field,

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Was Barry Becker in
Denmark of late How
are things out there?
How are the horses?
How is Laura and little
ones keeping? How is
Arthur? his health
at the Race? I don't think
they will send him
over here again.
There is some peace
talk on I don't know
What it is I suppose
only talk. How is
Mrs. C. Co. I have not

France

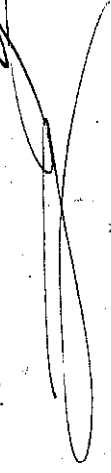
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My Dearest brother

just a few lines down
to let you know I am well Hoping
this will find you the same. We are
still having good weather and plenty
of drill It is a half day today
they are playing foot ball. I have
been putting Band with my
teeth I have had some out
I had to wait about 20 miles
to get them out I got Lead and
Water all over. I have to
go down in two weeks time and
get a Plate put in I have a
teeth on the right side I am
going to get some in. I am
pleased that I can get that job
I put in for Paris last Goodness
knows when I will get it I will
soon be going to England
I am sending to you for some
money I was going to send it to

dry But did it have enough money
to send it there Way you can put some
it as you like so will send it of it
Pays. What is George Harris in do you
know. I don't think it will last much
longer I will be pleased to be with
you again so cheer up dear it won't
belong. I suppose the little ones are
all growing Big Girls of our town is
little I'll can be speak yet I got
No 18, 19, 20 and 21 Letters from you this
mail and the card it is very nice
yes dear it is pretty muddy at
times But that is nothing more
don't give any thing to the Red
cross for me if you want to send
me a parcel don't give them the
money send the parcel your self
they are proud Yes I suppose you
will have some Long Walks down
there now But they will do you
good to walk down and put
the hard word on them for a
cor home it is only three days
well dear I will close now so Good
bye dear Love to all at home with
Love and kisses from your ever
Loving son Ted ~~XXXXXX~~ Don't Worry

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 That she is only a little
 girl I can put her under my
 wings. How are things home
 now is Ben keeping and
 Arthur give my love to them
 all at home. How is the strike
 is it over yet? Will do
 Darling I will ring off
 Your Give my love to all
 at home Good Bye dear
 With love and kisses
 from your ever loving
 Son Ted xxxxx

Don't worry


London
 March 13, 1915

My Dear Mother

just a few lines
 Dear to Ed & you



I know I am well and have
 being a good time my friend
 take me every week and word
 Ed me spend to much so you
 see I am in company with her
 she is a very nice girl I go up
 to there home her brother is
 and only brother was killed
 about two years ago in France
 find her father and sister she
 is a nice girl too I got to know
 them last June I was here and
 have been waiting ever since
 I gave them a great surprise
 when I came over I went up to
 their home she could not speak
 for the shock

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I suppose they only get half a pound
 a week you see them lining up
 for the sugar and meat
 it is fun to watch the Old Girl
 you would laugh to see me over
 her getting lost if I am going
 to meet her at the house in the
 town I have to leave on horse back
 one time if I am going up to
 the home I get on the back on
 a horse I keep my coat & pump
 it with me hard to take when
 I have to go back I will
 get my spade taken after
 week. What do you think
 I weigh 11 stone 3 so you see
 I am looking well the Girl's
 tell me I have got faden and
 grown taller and stronger
 I feel a big bird beast

and I also got a great surprise
 this morning just as I got out of bed
 there came a knock at my door
 and I opened it and a young chap
 come in and said is your name
 Broochumme? said yes, he said from
 Albany just is it, it was young
 Bond Broochumme he come to look
 a bed and the Land said you
 Broochumme said right No. 33 he said
 No she said your name is hean
 he said it must be a Cousin
 he is on six days last from now
 come in England he is in a Bond
 yet Bond will see Geoff on blue
 week. it is raining to day
 and very cold. We are going
 to Brighton for a day tomorrow
 if it is fine. Things are very
 down over here and it is much

and would find me about three
times as much to go and as clear
as I will have to tell them a pho-
to I am sure he will be clear
But it cannot be helped I will
see him next time I appear in
I had say of the taken I will
have to have them used in
I have been down to the light
for a few days it is a very
pretty little place and I like
I had a good time there I have
been living on fish and eggs
eggs are 5 for a dozen fresh
things are very cheap if you
go in the place from a week
you cannot have any more than
1/2 worth and I would about a
dozen fresh like that to have
a few eggs for a night for a
week I eat one sausage and a pound
of meat of onion and a cup of
tea and little bit of bread I
came out of there and went to
another had two eggs and a
pound of bread and I am sure
I am not full I can eat
more if I want.

It was very hard leaving
them just before leave time
I suppose Ben is home
By the way is he I must
write to him. I am glad
you are having some good
weather there at last. We are
having some good weather
here at last. But at first
we the poor wretches. However
as the weather is very good
I hope I'll be home. We
want to see you. I will
have to get my hand down
one of these days. But it
is a long time off now
my brother is away at a school
for a few days. I hope had
you said in London. We hope
I was there I did not get out
of my bed. I hope you are calling
me down. But it is no good.

James

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My Dearest Mother

just a few hints
dear to let you know I am
O.K. Well when I received your
letter last night I felt
I got back with the
word I am till you are
around the table coming back
down after the days are bright
yes another young blood
told me about Jack I think
I told you when I met
him I am pleased to hear
are alright? Well I wish
for a while it would be me
when let us hope at West
Belong if we they are going
to give leave money say
more than before But I hope
I am there before that

to leave I was very tired
The Lakes were all full and
people driving every
where all you can see is
astronauts in the streets
the people say we are
mad if they are with
any of us they are right
they are a bit frightened
of Brighton is a fine little
place a nice little town
Plenty of fish there is
a lot of people and there
in the summer and they
have a lot of people there
is a lot of people out at
the top of the road. Well
Dear I will suggest
bye bye my love to all
With love and kisses
from your ever loving
son Fred XXXXXX. Mary

How does Ruth and Jack
like where they are just 22 Jack
Ralph still there as he ~~was~~
married yet. I had a good
dream last night I was
home again & every thing
was as plain I was going
down the street & with you
when the Gums broke me
up I was hard on the
I hope it won't be long be-
fore I am there again. How
are all the little ones some
my love to them for me
I would like to be with them
all when I don't suppose I
will know them when
I get back Well dear I will
ring off soon Good night
dear with love and kisses
from your ever loving
Son Jack ~~with~~ Dad & mom

Lance
March 21 3-18
My Dearest Mother
just a few lines
hoping this will find you
in the best of health as
I am at present. this is
very hard to take
after being on leave I have
not got my photos yet
but will get them any time
now and send them on.
We are having some very
good weather now it is too
good. I suppose Ben is well
home by the end. How is
he looking? Well I was with
him how is the fishing going
I hope it is pretty good
What does Father think
of that place down the
creek is it any good

all persons belonging to

I should have been glad to see you & I imagine
 Be Lemmon say this I was posted
 every time for Berkeley
 I hope Mr. Plummer
 Father has been playing I think
 he wrote Mr. Plummer and I
 have not heard from
 I hope you & all family
 I wish Mr. Plummer as soon
 as I get established down
 what does Father think
 of that of the new school
 The course is at least
 good I hope it is
 Well Dear & wife
 I am playing the
 Highland game in the
 Court of Scotland in some
 of the best of the
 that have not this is for
 your own learning and

France

Kind Australian
AUSTRALIAN General Hospital

April 27 1918



RED CROSS

My Dear Mother

Just a few lines down

to let you know I am getting on

well. We have been having some

good weather at last. The boys

had some very good sports down

Argue day. I got up that day and

to church in the morning and the sports

in the afternoon they were very

good indeed. I have won a lot of

the W.A.C. Girls up here. They

had a few "races" too and I won the

one. I had a good night it was very

good. I had a good sleep and

then in bed 12 days I felt much on

it. I am much better up for England.

Now we are not many in this hospital

thing. We are well looked after every

thing. The staff you can get any thing

just for nothing I have a lot of

Although the circumstances
 alone surprises everyone
 in our Club because the alleged
 there that it happened there
 above the of the match promising
 there where some of the
 there might have come
 a woman and that she
 from the Club and it is
 us to a dancing situation
 my own Mrs Lake a
 parent that will that are
 party looking for the
 I was the only thing in the
 word in it once and one
 of the ladies, some and
 to my self and some other
 me where I came from
 I thought that the

night I got it in the light
 when I don't know if it
 will be all right or not I have
 been wondering how often
 it is dancing every week
 the P.R. has had a look
 at it to see if there is
 there if necessary and
 from the from another example
 from the person who was
 is always talking and I don't
 I cannot stand it the
 much in the matter
 It was a beautiful woman
 I got it all right I don't
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 I don't see the difference
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There is one sharp blow of the
flood has - wife and sister are

Boone and Corrie esp and water

all things are possible for
those that believe. Amen

most a whole team - he was a cutter
he all over most a good left arm.

Yours. Would I sought to see no more
Bosoming each other on adorning

We are another like our drawing
I was called by the

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Like a *Acrostichum* with 4277-7246;

Received of Mr. J. H. ...
the sum of \$100.00
for ...

[illegible]

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]

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on rough or brittle paper
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do not call me any more.
I am not. I am not. I am not.

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of the RED CROSS. after we will
Don't forget to... this

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not at the 12
was at the 12

My dear Mr. Brewster

James A. Smith

[Faint handwritten notes, possibly "The end of the world"]

to our dear father
at 1. Mrs. Mary

My own as shown about
breast and upper 2/3 of full

that for the use of it for a

[illegible]

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes]

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[Faint handwritten notes, possibly "S. C."]

My dear Mr. [illegible]

With it I would like the

[illegible]

where Mike Becker is living
from a 2nd floor over from the
messengers goes 7 days work
my fingers and rest more
But they are I suppose up
the I went to George he is
well also I have stayed
me over as home I am I heard
to him it I hope he is well
I must write to him now
is another happening and all
at home and I have gone
them all my friends tell them
of the way over me. I am
just having my ten of you
come, call at one of the other
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friend that I have come to

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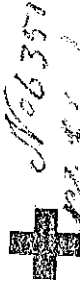
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every I heard the call to go
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well down I will tell you
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money and I wanted some
things I got them and I
had some things and some
things and I had some
I put it I had some
my money in the
B/L and I am waiting for
it to be paid for some
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the way down I am
waiting for some
like to see I will not
and I will not go
I will not go I will not

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all my time in the morning to
write my word manuscript
would not help but
some of those fish the
get under your cash register
others and they are all at 2 and
and rather something like
Pete's house. He was show-
ing some jewelry. Whether
near just like ourselves at
home. Barney tells me
that they have broke that
little man in for me
I think I had his man-
I could see a good deal
now. We have been in
for days at the one table
Pete's house. We have been
down with the other man
these past 2 weeks. I think
we have 2 weeks, they have
been at the other house and
now we have been away
toward the end of the

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RED CROSS

Mr. H. H. H. H. H.

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H. H. H.

Other folks H. H. H.

My dear H. H. H.

Yours own H. H. H.

Let me know H. H. H.

and we have the H. H. H.

W. H. H. 9 am H. H. H.

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for H. H. H. H. H.

I did not expect it after

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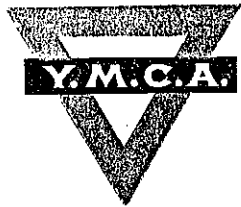
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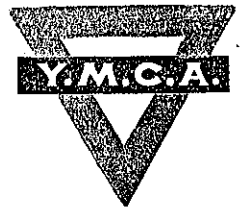
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For God, For King & For Country.



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MILITARY CAMP DEPT
H.R.H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

Reply to _____ Company _____ Bat. _____ Regt _____

Stationed at Portsmouth War Hospital

Thorp's Farm

May 22 5 1918

My Darling Mother

just a few lines I am in
let you know I am getting on well my arm is
pretty right now Well dear Elsie came down last
Sunday and Monday we had a great talk when
on Monday morning he came up I went out at 12
and he took me to an Hotel for dinner a few
course every thing was fresh I felt I had he got
me some smokes he has been very good to
me sends smokes down when I get my leave I
will pay him back and yesterday I went out
for the afternoon two of the lads here asked
me if I would go with them I went and had a
fine time there was an old lady she paid for us
to go in the pictures and kept seats for us
gave us smokes when we got in and after we
came out got on a train and took us home
she had a lovely place just her and her ma
she is a lady 50, 60 she is understanding she has

an Officer and a ~~smile~~ ^{smile} ~~be~~ ^{be} she was a very nice
old lady I am as a lady then the best I have had
since I left home she ask what was wrong with us and
ages I was the youngest poor boy you are the young one
fighting we paid in for a glass till 930 they would
not give it to us so we took it got in at ten we
should of been it at 7 I suppose there will be a row
this morning my trouble. Well dear we are having
some lovely weather it is very hot I don't think it
will be very long before I am out of here I can't
straighten my arm right and get a twist it round
I don't think I will get home out of it Wish I could
there were a few more arms and I might
have had some of people who have it
has been Hollidays there is a river not far
from here they get around there.

How is all at home How is Mother and Bee
keeping. How is the fishing I wish I was there
for a good feed of them I can't catch
old times but I am afraid it would be
long before I am there again. It is so
back to France I want stay long I will get an
I don't want worry here I'll be alright Love it
we will see you my love to all at home to
the little ones for me Bye Bye With Love
and kisses from your ever Loving

I am just received an affection
Paper from a Mrs. Williams
that wrote to me from
London she knows Ben
she is a kind of a school

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Address reply to.....No. 6751.

.....Section.....Company B.....Battalion 28.....Reg't.

Aug 12. 1918

My Dear Mother

just a few lines
dear to let you know I am at 1
Well dear I am at the C.I.B. store I
Went there yesterday I have been duct
ind and closing about ever since I
Went there to miss grand and Picked
I Went on church parade this morning
as soon as it was over I helped it
down here to the I will be there
about three weeks and then home
again I Received a few letters from
you and Vera and Dean and Sam
Last week I was more than please
to get them I have been very much
for sitting here alone about me
She is not here in there she worry
a lot I wish I could get back to
But it wont be long I hope
Bye the way will you ever get
my card from hospital taking



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You I was worried and asking for
money if you were ready to mount
now I was wishing the money would
come. I felt I was in a
a poor way I was I
you back the first time I came
to England I am living with
and my mother I have
been a good boy I have
of my mum. Well you please
try and send me some love
also mum sent about 20 pound you
will think I am spending a lot of
money but I am having a good
time and a good love I have
love to you very much I am
happy I will put a few more
photos in this letter for you and
the girls we are having some
pretty good weather I love
you even more than ever

at Jimmy's home he was in my
boat the first in the race his first
time and I have not heard of him
since he was read in my class.

How is dear Walter I hope he is
 well since he has been
 he was over here a while. How is
 all at home give them all my love and
 from the little ones from me I don't see
 how I can be from them I don't see
 will be I don't see I don't see
 I can say so I will be the same
 with love and from your
 Mrs. Loring Love