

August 25th 1915

My Dear Mother,

I received your letter alright also Daisy's. You cant guess how pleased I was to get it. Just a letter from home is better than anything and I am pleased to know that all are well at home. I am pretty well but not the same as I felt in England and anything you can send me along, I should be very pleased with it, such as a tin of cocoa but anything you send put it in something that will not break. It is best to send in a tin if you can. Of course if we were in France you would be able to send a cake or anything eatable without fear but I doubt if it would keep until it got out here. It took your letter about 3 weeks to get here but we came out in about 7 days on the Aquitania, our largest liner.

Glad to hear you were pleased with the photos but you must not think that I am getting serious. Plenty of time for that when all this is over but all the same she is a very nice girl and I have had a letter from her and some handkerchiefs and she told me if I wanted anything to let her know but I don't like to do that.

You know the Sergeant* who was billeted with me, well poor chap, he died of heart failure while we were in the trenches.

Before you get this letter you will see by the paper that our Regiment suffered pretty badly ~~and it was~~ the first time we went in action. It was there that Dolf and Sid Perkins were wounded but thank God I came out safe. Also Fred [Shave] and Ray Leach and Wavell are alright.

I am pleased to hear the boys are alright and enjoying theirselves also all the rest. The same as you say, it will be a fine time when we come home again which I hope is not too far distant. It will be quiet about home again when Uncle Fred and them are gone back.

You tell dad from me to stay home as one son is enough from one family especially as I am the only one able to go. The V.T.C. will be regular enough for him beside his age will tell, but I don't want to dishearten him about it but his duty is at home.

I have not had any more letters up to the time of writing but there will be another mail in

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