

March 27 [1916] S II Ward  
Whalley

My Dear Ma and Pa,

Just a few lines in answer to your ever welcome letter. Glad to know that all at home are well, as it leaves me at present. I am doing famous as you will see by the photos I'm sending you. I hope you will like them as think they are very good. The big one is free with a dozen post cards. I am sending them all to you to keep what you want for yourself. Give Grandma one and the other relations as far as they will go. Don't forget one for Elsie as I promised her one a long time ago. If you receive another parcel in the week don't be surprised as Mrs Johnson and her sister are sending some of that cloth I told you about. They thought that I would not be able to carry it when I come home so they are sending it to you. They are good people they would do anything for me. Mrs J paid for the photos. I told her she ought not to and she did not like it at all, she said when they start grumbling about paying for things I could step in and she says that will never be so I keep quiet about money matters now, not many people like that about is there.

I had a letter from Daisy this post, tell her I will answer it soon.

It was a very nice letter from Jennie and I was pleased with it, I answered it to catch the next mail. They are keeping Dad pretty busy just now, but never mind I'll soon be there to help him on a bit. Yes I got Freddie's letter alright, I am going to write for this mail.

So Aunt Kate is gone to Southampton. Is she having a few days holiday or gone nursing again. Don't tell her that I never got any letter from Aunt Nellie but it was a nice letter of hers that you sent to me. She asks me to write, well I must as soon as I can. I get quite a lot of letters lately, the worst part is answering them.

Dear Ma and Pa if you are ever very short of money will you let me know as I think I can get some of my back money, as some of them here whose people have been short have got some from their Paymaster.

The weather here is better so far today. It has been funny all the week, pretty fine all the morning and then turned out rough the afternoon and evening.

I went to Blackburn on Saturday, had an afternoon at the pictures. They were good, especially the one showing Ypres in all its ruins, my word the place has been battered beyond recognition, just fit work for the savages we are fighting against. Well I have not much more to say this only hoping you will like the photos. I know you will say I have altered but it is just like I am now. Give my love to Grandma and Grandpa, hope they are both well. Also the kids, tell Perc and Willie I don't expect to find any weeds on the garden paths when I come home. Tell them to look after de chicks and de eggs, and give them my love. Love to May and all the rest. I must close now with fondest love to you both I remain your loving son

George

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