

[April 1916]

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Whalley

My Dear Ma,

Just a few lines in answer to your letter. Am very pleased to know that your cold is better, also that all at home are well. Dear Ma, if all goes well we shall be out of here at the end of the week. I am going to stay at Mrs Johnson's for a day or two. We have made these arrangements and I think it will be best. I shall leave Blackburn on Monday night and travel all night and be home pretty soon on Tuesday morning. Of course, I know you would sooner I came straight home but Mrs J and her sister have been so good to me I cant very well do anything else can I. You wont mind will you. I will write again soon to let you know for certain about being out this week, and when I get to Portsmouth or Southampton I will send you a telegram to let you know the time I shall be at Sandown. Just write and let me know if you think this is best. Tell the others not to trouble about writing to me again here, as I may be away before they reach me.

I am pleased to hear that the garden is alright, also that there will be some for me to do when I get home. Is it warm enough for sea bathing yet, as I shall want to get a swim when I get home.

Well Ma, I was glad to hear that Flo is leaving Ryde, I don't think she was doing herself very much good there and no real friends to look after her. It will be nice for them (the girls) to be all close home, I think it ever so much better.

Uncle Arthur wrote and asked me to stay a day with him when I came home, as he thought the journey would be too much for me, but if he will be at home for Easter, there will be no occasion for me to go there. Just tell him for me when you see him will you. I hope he will still be at Lake when I get there.

Dear Ma don't count on me being home for certain but I think myself that it will be right this time.

Tell Dad that me and him will have a good go at the garden when I get home, he wont have much need to do any himself. Glad to know he is alright, tell him I'll be on the rifle range next Tuesday.

Well Dear Mother I think this is about all this time, love to Grandma, Grandpa and Aunt Kate. Tell Willie and Perc that I will dance them about soon, give them a kiss for me. Best love to all at home and the same to yourself. Au Revoir, your loving son

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George

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