

[Early 1917?]

Wednesday night

Branksome  
Bournemouth

My Dear Ma & Pa,

Just a few lines hoping you are all quite well & that you have had a fine and happy Xmas. I cant say anything for certain about coming home, but I am to see the captain tomorrow morning, but whether there will be any luck I don't know. They seem all in a mix up about the Xmas leave, I don't know if they are going to grant any more or not. Anyhow I shall try my best tomorrow to get some sort of leave so nuff said. I enjoyed myself here as much as possible being away from home, we had a very nice Xmas dinner & speeches from the officers & our Captain's wife. Also we had the prize for the best decorated mess room.

Glad you were pleased with the cards, I expect some of the other relations at home were startled a bit when they had an Xmas card from me. As to the registered parcel I expect it is my watch, you had better leave it for a day or so in case I come home. You can open it then if there is a letter, you can send that on & I shall be able to answer it.

Say na mair Rab.

I have not got the parcel from Blackburn yet, it must be hung up somewhere, glad you got yours alright, it is good of them aye. I had a letter from them this morning & I'm writing there tonight.

Did Daisy get home for Xmas, I hope she did. Thank Flo very much for her nice letter & tell her I'm very sorry but I forgot her birthday until this morning. Well, I wish her many happy returns if it is not too late. I hope she will forgive my neglect.

Well Dear Ma, this is about all for this time so will have to dry up. Write again as soon as I know about the leave. Ta Ta & the best of love to you all, your loving Son.

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