

Monday Evening [April 1917 ?]

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My Dear Ma,

Have just received parcel. Everything was quite alright and I thank you all very much for your gifts. The cake was alright, it has only been broken a bit, but I'll soon put paid to its account, nuff said. I cant write to each one of them but you thank them all for me and say that I appreciated it very much.

No, Dad was wrong this time, it was not Draft leave I had, it was special leave because I did well at Tidworth. I had a very good recommendation and will be a full corporal the first vacancy, what do you think of that. I had very good for Drill and Musketry and good for the other subjects, nothing much to grumble at, aye.

Well I hope you are all quite well as I'm pleased to say that I am doing fine, but perhaps a little bit fed up. If anyone tells you that I don't write very often, tell them I'm sorry and all that, but I cant write for nuts and by the time I have written to you and to 295 Audley, I am finished and don't feel like doing any more. You know that I seldom write to anyone else but you and Mrs J, but I don't forget all my relations, no, not by long chalks. You can just explain if they start complaining about it. I have written to Daisy, but have lost her address (always losing something) so will you please send it on. Hope May and all at Home are quite well.

Shall have to cease now no more news tonight : Au Revoir with Heaps of love to you and Pa, your little Son,

George XXXX

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Pleased to know Percy is getting better, hope to hear he is quite well next time.