

Wed. August 26<sup>th</sup> 1914.

STATION, BADMINTON, G.W.R.  
TELEGRAMS, BADMINTON.  
TELEPHONE, P. O. 2.

BADMINTON,  
GLOS.

My dear Pat - Thank you so  
much for your letter written  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> which we were  
all most delighted to get  
to hear that you are now  
A. D. C. to General de Siste  
which naturally is much  
better for you than being  
attached to another reg.  
I had a letter from Maurice  
this morning written on  
August 6<sup>th</sup> - still at Pösch.  
but in a great state of

excitement as they had been  
brought back from manoeuvres.  
It has been in the paper that  
the "Imperial forces" are to return  
from S. Af. & I heard that they  
were to leave this week but  
I have not heard yet for  
certain & am anxiously  
expecting definite news every  
minute - I<sup>d</sup>-K. made a fine  
speech yesterday & we all  
feel very proud of you all  
but we know very little  
really & of course that is  
quite right & no one grumbles  
at being kept in ignorance

for our own good! We are  
living here very quietly but  
very busily, just as you left  
us & I have a lot to do with  
all my committees & jobs -  
Your ponies are quite well &  
safe up to now & so far no  
more of our horses have  
been taken & the hounds are  
going out to kill as many foxes  
as they possibly can so as to  
keep them down - Frankie is  
very well, he has just gone  
to London again about a job  
as he has not got anything yet;  
he tells me that he had a letter  
saying that the number of  
applications for commissions

have now reached many  
thousand. Blanche <sup>W. Hill</sup>  
& Worcester are all very well  
& send you their love - they  
are having a very quiet  
time but are helping me  
all they can. When you can  
do send me a line <sup>again</sup> & tell me  
if there is anything you would  
ever like us to send you, we  
so gladly would do so -  
Good luck to you - Yr. always

most sincerely  
J. E. Beaufort