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On Service

My dear Mr. Mrs.

I just sent you a scribble
this morning on a page out of my
note book just to let you know
that I was alright. I wrote a long
letter to the Boss last night & hoped
to be able to write to you this morning
but was too busy. We left here at
7.30 & went back to our horrible
little house on the road. Then I
rode round with the General & was
sent off to try & find the I^x Bde's
head horses. I had an awful chase
for them. I found 2 Regts alright
but couldn't find the 11th. After
a lot of trouble I found them that
they were in a wood which was
being heavily shelled. They had found
a safe little place & were alright.

I didn't get back till after 1/2
This afternoon the woman must
doing so I went off & tried to find
the Reys but they had moved off.
It was awfully annoying. I have
just got back here now & got a
long letter also the boy which is
simply splendid. Thank you most
awfully for it dear Mrs. Allen.
It is just what I wanted. It is
very strong & will stand the work.
I got a trench they which is so good
as it was only made of brown
paper. No one awful news are
having all ones hit is ones bidding
how I'll be made of cars that
boy will hold a tremendous lot of
stuff & will weigh practically
nothing, not that the weight makes
much difference now, but the great
thing is to have ones luggage comfort.
Then it will look really on a car

or anything like that.

you know I am lucky the way I live. Now I am in a nice cottage having a room with three quite a nice little room with electric light. When I have finished this I'll change out of my dirty clothes put on some slacks & will feel absolutely be business. Wonderful luxury you know, when you think of all those poor devils in the trenches half full of water. It has been bitterly cold again to-day & we've had a lot of rain. They put it absolutely worse, they have been like in all to-day. The Boss is going to send me out a pair of Norwegian boots which ought to be good value. You can't imagine the mud & slush of this country. You see it's all very low & flat.

- once the water falls it has
there is great pools. The rocks
are perfectly dreadful. A small bit
in the middle which is lower is
abright (made of big blocks of stone)
but then there is a sort of ledge
worn at the edge of the lower -
the side is like a ploughed field.
Over a foot of mud & flowers.

Yesterday morning we went out to
our horrible little estaminet again.
On the way out Katney didn't
like looking a dead horse. She has
a way of whiffing round but it's
just tricks with I hit her a mode
he just about & she slipped in
the lower & fell over into the mud.
Luckily I struck a goodish place
but I got well plastered with mud,
all the same. It rained hard
nearly all yesterday & was bitterly
cold. The wind is so awfully cold.

3 it was quite nice in the shade but
bitter in the wind. The Regt was
quite close yesterday so I went round
to see them. I was awfully sorry
to hear that poor little Willie

Codgson had been killed. They have
had pretty heavy casualties. Poles
sint it. Ron & Turner, as you
know have been killed. The Colonel,
Charles Cribbin, Clem, Gibbs, Fitcher,
Billy Palmer, have all been wounded.
Clem is the only one that is bad
I believe. I saw old Basil

yesterday, it was awfully nice
seeing him again. It is sad that
won't stand him much really.

Makes his face look a bit one
sided. Poles is looking awfully
well & was very strong. They have
had a pretty hard time poor lads.
I feel an awful brute looking this
easy life when they have to go in

the trenches but if I didn't do it
somebody else would. So I must
think myself confoundedly lucky.
I saw little Frankie, who is looking
extraordinarily well. I like that boy
better every time I see him. I didn't
see Maurice but he is quite fit.
He is a command of B. Squadron & is
rather worried over it. He's a big
responsibility of course. Like
everybody else they are heartily
sick of this war. I really
don't know how men are going
to stand it when it gets really
cold. It's bad enough now but
in another month it will be so
worse as bad. We heard from
a German prisoner last week that
the Germans realized that they were
losing but were going on fighting so
as to get better terms of peace.
But they're not nearly crushed yet.

4 All this business of the gaining ground the way they are doing will have to stop. In fact we'll have to give them a good knock on the side before we can hope for peace. We hear that the Austrians are practically surrounded & will have to stand - fight a last battle or capitulate. Good news if its true. The Germans will be able to concentrate their whole attention on Germany. If they give her a really good knock over the side it will hurt them a bit. But I think will have to get her back out of France before we can have peace & how long that will take is hard to say. But its dreadful to think of the suffering to both sides. Some of the II Pz Div trenches are within about 60 yds of the Germans in a wood & given told me this

morning that they could hear the
German officers cursing their men
to make them go on. They have the
most wonderful discipline and are
as brave as lions.

The whole of the town round here
is blocked with French troops &
transport it's almost impossible
to get about. Mousie has just
come in, he's been trying to negotiate
it & has just come in word of his
knees. I got some more

chocolate to-night from the Dutchess.
to letter. I don't say I will hear
from B. Louchie to-morrow.

Awfully nice of her to send it isn't
it.

I got a parcel of hot cords & pencils
& a letter from Mrs. Tom when we
were in the Chateau at Ploegsteert
also a letter. I also got the undelivered
letters by a chocolate at the same time

5. They all arrived the day we were
shelled out of the station. I'm
awfully sorry if I didn't write &
let you know. But things were rather
warm that day & I hadn't much time
to write letters. I got the beef
tablets a long time ago they were
awfully good on the back of her.
I'm eating so much nowadays that I'm
getting quite fat. I do a good deal
of riding about & then come in & sit
about a lot but I'm always ready
for my meals. I am always hungry
when I come in but I must say I am
feeling awfully fit. I am going to
wear your little woollen under my skirt
& it will be good & warm when I can
wear another waistcoat over it. My pet-
on the ship. Would they get dreadfully
cold. The Boss's Norwegian books
ought to be good value. Hope you
could get me some galoshes anytime.

they'll be good value.

You said in your letter what I got
last night. That you were enclosing a
letter of Enry's about the d. d. letters
in Ireland but you forgot to send it.

What Brulie they are. Bond was
talking to me about his lot yesterday
he says that they are behaving awfully
badly. Brulie said they.

I hear K's army is doing well. I wish
we had some of 'em out here now to
show the farmers a bit.

Dennis will be ready in a few
minutes & I'm so now to tell you.

Best love to you all dear are the
your loving

Pat

P.S. I'm enclosing a cheque for £ 20
for you. I want you all to own
yourselves with it.

2/10/18 The old post is doing awfully
well & showing the morning news from me