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My dear we ~~for~~ Mrs.

This ought to reach you
on Xmas day to wish you all
a very happy Xmas & New Year.

How I wish I was going to be
home but I'm afraid that there is
very little chance of it.

We are on duty again to day. I
noted forward with the General

this morning. It orders a horse
come a with the horses. It is

about 14 miles so its some way
to come. I shall ride back to night
for exercise. It is awfully hard to

get enough exercise, we are always
running about in motor cars.

We have made our day head Pro
in a little time. Close to the town

we were in the other day but its a

most nice little place. We have just

had an excellent lunch. It is rather monotonous sitting about like this. I wish we could get forward but I'm afraid there is no chance at present. The country is so fearfully deep that our infantry have great difficulty to advance. Then the Germans have most elaborate wire entanglements up in front of their trenches. In one part of the line they have put an entanglement 2 ft high & 20 ft broad, then a deep ditch then a single entanglement 6 ft high. Well that little lot takes a bit of getting through. Particularly when you are being shot at at a range of 100 yds.

We went into Camp Leed for this morning but they had no news at all. We are hoping to hear that those carriers who killed Scarborough have been rounded up but there is no

news of it at present I wonder if
 they will call the D node. I hope
 they do. They seem to have been
 making a great stir at England lately
 I suppose they want to average themselves
 for the blowing up of the Turkish
 ship. We don't seem to get much
 news of Russia, but they seem to
 notice what the Austrians are doing
 in the Carpathians. If they get any
 success there I'd be afraid that the
 Russians may have to draw back
 their line a bit so as to get onto
 more favourable ground. It will
 be an awful pity if they have to do
 that, as it will delay things.
 I hope you have set Basil & Peter
 the customs as I told them that
 you were sending them. The air
 certainly would do splendidly for
 Brock. No news of my Gollin
 yet. I am going to write a journal of

the forwarding office. The weather isn't
really cold yet so it doesn't matter
much but I'd like to leave them in
case we move. I'll send you back my
old British worn as soon as my
new one arrives. What a filly
about my photos. I hope this lot
but will come out. If not I'll send
back the camera & get you to change
it as it is most awfully disappointing
being failures like this. I took a
lot of trouble to get some of those
photos & now none of them have
come out. I have just written a
line to the Darkers to wish her
a happy Xmas. I won't write to
B as she hasn't written to me since
Nov 9. I have written to her several
times & she hasn't answered any
of them. I will write & remain late
if I don't hear soon. I only wrote
you a letter last yesterday. Her was

no news & I was a rather late.

I wrote a letter to Mary & one to Angela
the day before. Sofly & numbers!!

Poor Angela she sent me a fair of
matters & I hadn't written & thanked her

for them. I want to write to them
all at Lenoxton if I have time.

I am going to suggest to the Boss

that he should look out for a

good 4 year old for me. The he

could be coming on for me when we

get done with this show. It costs will

be awfully dear. The demand will

be far greater than the supply & the

price will be awfully high. I'd

like to get hold of a nice young horse

that might win a bit to boot.

What do you think of the idea

It is terribly cold to-day & blowing

like mad. It is trying hard to

rain. Percy & Bob also told me

yesterday, that when I wrote to 'Pats'

roller" again to wish her a very happy
Xmas from him. Wife of his was it
it. About a 10 o'clock have just gone
off home with the horses so I'll have to
return back. I'll get out a walk a
bit of the way which will give me
some exercise.

Is there any news
of J's any going out yet? Make him
transfer into the Cavalry.

I am afraid there is no chance of
leave at Xmas. I do wish they
would let us go. If things go a
quellig we might get some more leave.
Glorious it would be if I could.

It is really hopeless to do anything in
the way of fighting this weather.

Best love to you all dear we miss.

All my very best wishes to you
all for Xmas & New Year.

Your loving

Pal

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I got two grand long letters from you to-night when I got back.

I have just changed out on going to try & write a few more letters for Xmas. I wrote to the Duchess & the Boro this afternoon.

I am so glad you are better. Do take care of yourself. This is real terrible weather. I wish you

some circulars of the H to H, what I hope you got alright. It would be great fun if it comes off but I'm afraid it won't, the whole country is like a bog.

Best love dear we miss

All my very best wishes to you all for Xmas & the New Year.

Your loving
Pat

P.S. I don't think I should send Aunt
like to Anne. Send one to me - I
can show it to the .