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My dear Mrs. Bliss.

I have just written you a few lines on a letter card as I hadn't time to write you a proper letter. We got back yesterday in time for lunch & I found three letters from you waiting here. One of the 1st the other of the 28th & the other one with all my bills etc. I'll look them through & get them all paid off.

The cake is awfully good but a little bit drier than Ceila's. It doesn't seem to have risen quite right. It is always a most duper looking cake. But this one is awfully good eating. Will you thank Miss Hoffman for making it for me. It was very

rice of her. It is an awful
good receipt that. I think it
makes the best plain cake that I
know. I have got another set
of better post cards of yours
for you & also some photos which
I bought in a shop there.
I am going to send the dealers
a set of these photos. She'd
like them don't you think.
I'll get them tied up to night
& they can go off to-morrow
morning with this.

Lolita

The rain cleared off this morning
& I rode into St Omer. I have
got lots of envelopes & paper now as
I bought some in there this morning.
I have got a grand big block
the sort I like. So you needn't
bother about sending me any till

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News from Russia seems good
doesn't it. I saw Maurice's
day & he told me that Winston
Churchill expects to get through the
Dardanelles by the end of this
month. That will be good won't
it. I do hope they do. It means
such a lot. That Russia what
can come out & arms go in.
Italy & Roumania would probably
come in then. That would hurry
up things a lot.

I hear that the 29th Div has
gone to Constantinople. It has
left England & hasn't come here so
I expect it is pretty true.

I believe 2 French Divisions have
gone there too. It would be a
great thing if they got that.
Wouldn't about do in the old Turkey

yes! I think things look good
generally but don't yet see why
or what grounds people say that
the war will be over by June. Except
that everybody would like it to
be over by then. Do you? I don't
see what's to prevent it going on
for months. It's a case of stable
mate all along the line & I don't
see how we are going to advance.
One couldn't in part of year any
way. But I'm sure there are all
sorts of side lights which one doesn't
understand & that it may all end
some day we expect. I hope it
does is all I can say.

I sent you 7 rolls of film this
morning. I do hope they are a
success. I've taken a lot of
trouble getting them & most of them
were taken in good light near a
sunlamp so they ought to be good

3 with any luck.

It is a nuisance that they don't settle definitely when it's time to go as it makes it so much worse for them both. But it's a great thing that old T is out of the way.

If only he could meet a strong bullet but he's the sort that don't get shot. Pie Annesly, Bud Duke & those sort of people are always the ones to go.

I think it is extraordinary he getting a job on G.I.O 2 to the 6" Div. That is what Fitz is doing with us.

I'll make enquiries & find out for certain. I can't at the moment remember who commands it.

I'll find out any way & let you know.

I hope you got the oak table

abrupt for the ball. Apparently
paralyzing it must be killing
all the things. I do hope he gives
that other 2 car. It would just
make all the difference. He could
so easily do it.

I think I told you my dream
on Wednesday when I was a
bedded with G. Great for the
week.

Thursday was a nice warm morning
a regular spring feel about it.
Some of the birds & things were
starting to bust.

The Great & I left our dog lead
go about 9 in & rode down
the Merrin road & then turned
off right handed towards the
Creeches. They were skilling
Zillbaka pretty hard. Also
16 boys & the ground below

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 Hooge & Zillebake. There is some
 high ground then a sort of ridge
 that they still pretty heavily.
 We managed to work across without
 having any shells particularly near
 to us. Just near enough to be
 unpleasant. We then left our horses
 in a wood & set on up to Bde
 Hd Qr. There wasn't much
 news. They had killed an 4th
 D.G. truck a bit & killed 4
 men. Howard & Sgt Mann in
 the 15th Hussars had done a very
 good reconnaissance that night.
 They had gone out in front of
 our trucks & crawled about &
 brought back a lot of very useful
 information. The Germans threw up
 flares & fired at them at about
 10 yds off. So they had a pretty
 exciting time. But both got

away wounded. He'll get a
D.S.O for it. I should think.

One shell burst fairly close to us
while we were there but did no
damage. A shell hit flopped -
the mud don't go off. But it
wasn't going fast enough to have done
much damage if it had hit us.
We then came back again & found
that they were firing a lot of
mortars quite close to the
line. They put about 50 shells
just short of the ramparts.

We then went & saw the men
working. They had some excellent
balls for them in a school.

I rolled up about 300 to collect
some bones from us. He brought
a wogger & we managed to get
him quite a lot of useful stuff.
He stayed till about 5 o'clock & then

5 went off with a most dangerous
cat load of stuff. One of his men
put his foot on a bomb & how he
didn't explode it goodness only knows
He now didn't seem a bit worried
& merely said that he only had one
life to lose.

There was great excitement that
night as our mine was to be
ready to go off at 7 o'clock & the French
one was to be ready too.

Then it was put off till 7.30
as they weren't quite ready. The
French one was to be exploded first
& ours to follow five minutes
afterwards. Ours went off about
10 minutes later & the French one
didn't go off till 2 o'clock in the
morning which quite ruined the
show. A good many of the
Bombs were blown up from all

accounts one unhithed fellow
was thrown about 100 yards.

The a Squadron of the Boys went
forward & stuck a few fuses with
the Boyard & occupied the cables.

They held on there for 4 hrs & were
then bombed out. Their left was

rather in the air as the Frink
didn't come on. Their own mine

hadn't gone off & they were afraid
of it blowing them up. So the

thing really wasn't the success it
might have been if the Frink had
co-operated properly.

Our casualties were light consisting
about a dozen men wounded

were killed. They got off lightly
really.

The Frink took over the line about

10:00 at night. They ought to have

been over at 10:00. But all this

business with the mine delayed then.

The II Bde got back to billets about 3 A.M. Stayed in "Wifes" all day & then came back by motor buses last night. They can't bring the motor buses into the town in the day time.

On Friday morning he found I walked round the remains of the town. It must have been a awfully nice old town before they messed it up the way they have done.

Practically every house is knocked about in some way or other.

There we examined a couple of German prisoners which had been brought in. Miserable little things they were. One of them had been through the whole show.

They seemed quite pleased to have been captured. They were caught in

the entire after the men had gone
off. We left about 11:30 & just
after we had gone they started to
skid our skid. The mess boy was
standing outside the house & several
skids piled quite close to it.

So the servants say. I didn't suppose
they were very near really.

We got back here about 10 or just
in time for lunch. The tea for
I went out for a ride. After that
he went to camp & I went for a good
walk. It was a awfully nice
warm evening.

It poured with rain all the morning.
So I didn't go out till about 11 or
& the rode into St O & bought some
paper etc. This afternoon I rode
over & saw the Ryl. I talked to
Maurice for a long time & then
went on & saw old Brooks. I stayed

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then for a bit a job back about 5 in.
 When I see Brock it makes me
 realize how much better I like J.
 There is something so real about J.
 One has always to be on ones
 guard with Brock. I never quite
 feel that I can trust him. I've
 heard him say some horrid things
 about Peter behind his back & I
 sort of feel he may say the same
 about me. I like him awfully in
 one way but I'm always got a
 sort of funny feeling about him.
 He has got a extraordinary charm
 about him. But I'm chertest god
 I'm not in the same Squadron. I'd
 be the devil to have with out him.
 All the attached folks hate him like
 poison. I must say they are a queer
 lot but I think he gets out of his
 way to be nasty to them. I don't

Deirdra off to of this morning. Gaird
owned back with his back to - right.
It is more like a cow than a horse
e was absolutely done to a line
after going 18 miles. It fell down
with four riders about 2 miles
from this. e put his shoulder out gave
it a nasty kick in my ear -
the just lay on his side like a
dead thing. He had his leg under
it so had a job to get up.

It is a awful brute. I must
try to put it off somewhere. But
I'm glad that I don't get it any
longer. His no sort of horse for him
to be going about on.

It's not fit to pull a butcher's
cart. "Deirdra" will probably do
him well. She is a good strong
sort. e whatever else she does she'll
never get tired. This cow of a

They was born Lind. It was
 dreadful to have him riding about
 on a they like that. Besides
 being dangerous too as he'd never
 get away or it is a tight place.
 Dean is awfully fast & would
 like a deal of cutting if
 necessary. I'd rather see him
 riding a cow of a they like
 old J. It broke my heart to
 see him on a they like that.
 I wrote him a note asking him when
 he was coming here but he had gone
 to Boulogne with his General. So
 there is just a chance he may be
 home.

Col Stone goes home to-morrow
 (Monday) & comes back again on
 Thursday. Sean will start
 again but he is just a special
 case. I do wish I could go home

again. I hope be great you but
am afraid to wait. He wait let
Jeff go to ride at Utterbore &
don't suppose he will go again himself.
I hope that Bolton is right & we
may all be home in June or July.
I got a long letter from you to
right when I got in solid Feb 3.
I suppose your next March 3 !!!
I'll write you to-morrow. No
nearly 12 in now so I must turn in.
Best love cheer you all

Your loving

Pat -

P.S. The Thir's Jostling by love not
you has the wrong binding. Will
you send it back & they will send
you one the same as Vol I.
