

Sunday Oct 17.

My dear Mrs. Mrs.

I got 5 letters from you this mail of Sept 23-24 2 of 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>. The photos arrived quite safely but it was great luck as the letter was lost after a tussle up with slings. Quite good some of them are. They were all of Indiana when I was over there for a few days leave with Gen Perceval.

Your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> had no stamp on but it didn't make any difference. I believe you could send letters out here without stamps on. Try a few more & see if they come alright. I'll let you know if I have to pay on them this end.

I am afraid you was a long time without getting letters. There was rather a difficulty about posts as far as I can remember after I come back from Athens.

We have now heard that Bulgaria has come in. It is rather a loss. It only gives Roumania would now come in on our side it would be alright but France is doing all she can to keep out of it & looks like succeeding.

I don't expect it will effect us much here but it is a bad business as it all means prolonging the war.

I have just ordered you a book called "The cockpit of the Balkans" which I hear is rather good.

I will send you a real good specimen sand bag something so as you can show people what we really want out here.

You seem to think I don't like this place. I'd much rather be here now than at Jolly Beach. I was sorry to leave it but now I have got my own house really snug & comfy here I'd much rather be here. We'd have been persisted in the winter in tents at Jolly Beach.

I'm really comfy here & don't mind how long we stay. It's no more boring here than it would be anywhere else in fact I always find that I'm very busy.

We have got lots of stores - or things like lifting cranes.

I haven't asked the general yet about your suggested landing north of Badi but will see what he says.

'Yes' James Hester always had all the killer etc that he wanted. Jan is a ratier so one can always get lots of it. We have always been pretty busy about balls we've hardly ever been without it. There was about a fortnight when bombs didn't come - we were a bit short of stuff. Hester always gets masses of things sent to him every week from Fatman & Alton so we are always pretty well off. I have had my ordinary loads from Hester the last two weeks. I got a big load from them yesterday. As a matter of fact we are pretty well off now as a caterer has just opened here which seems able to supply anything. Basil Hester & I walked down yesterday evening & had

a look at it. It isn't really open yet, open 6. tomorrow  
 however we had a look round & bought one or two  
 little things that we wanted.

I believe Kennedy is a good soldier but he's an  
 unpleasant sort of individual. He's just the sort that  
 will never stop a bullet with all the really good fellows like  
 poor old Glen & Maurice get killed.

In your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> you say "3 little  
 round bins with boxes & a box of the same the money" &  
 how many rolls of film were there altogether?

I gave Porter a parcel with either 5 or 6 rolls  
 in it I can't remember which

I don't know if you mean that 2 parcels come  
 one with 3 rolls & the other box or if it all was one  
 parcel.

You see the writing on the envelope  
 & on the brown paper you sent me are different which  
 is rather puzzling.

I feel pretty sure that they must be the  
 lot that Porter took home. I'm longing to

see them as they ought to be good & very interesting.

If you send me 3 prints of each. I can keep one  
 for myself give one lot away & then write on the  
 backs of the others, number them & send them back to

you. It would make it easier for you a more  
intending. For instance in two cases with the best  
lot of photos, two of the journals together - made a  
Lancaster photo. I don't suppose you spotted that.  
I think its safer when sending the out to hit them in  
a little box or they seem inclined to burst open  
in a letter.

If I remember then all for you a write  
a the book of the what they are you could the start  
fitting them into a book.

Let me know if there is anything you particularly  
want like. I think I ought to have a pretty good  
collection if they only come out successfully.

The light is getting bad these times which  
makes it more difficult. We are having rather queer  
weather now. Last week it was rather cold and  
yesterday it was quite warm a to-day its dull a  
cloudy. Rather like a autumn day in Ireland. "Soft"  
you could call it, no sun at all. One thing about  
this place I think we will always get sunny days in  
the winter not like France where one never sees it.

There is no news here at all. There has been a  
little more killing the money the usual but nothing  
to worry us.

That is a very interesting bit you extract  
out of a paper about the use of artillery. No  
wonderful how this is becoming a war study of  
machines. The whole thing is practically a  
question of guns a ammunition. The side who has  
the most guns a the most ammunition is bound to be the

one shot can give its opponents absolute hell.

I'm glad the Boss set you a good birthday present to Jess's. Sept 25 - Jones Oct 20? Sunday is the best as the same day so as there'd be no ill feeling!!

That was a nice letter from old mother Harriet. She old thing but she likes too much interest in me for my liking!! I think I'm safe now though.

It has just started to rain quite hard now.

It is a grand day for letter writing. I always give the cyclists a day off on Sunday & say that may have to work on Sunday yet Monday off. I think it's a good plan to give them one day off. So I always have a beautiful Sunday, it's rather nice.

I started rather a big job yesterday. There is a road that runs up past our slates which is very steep - it's a 10 degree slope. So I'm making it a easier hill by zig-zagging the road but it's a big job - will take me a long time to do.

Basil came up here yesterday afternoon. He's not looking at all well - is very bored. It must be a very dull existence down the old Cops. He has nothing to do - all day to do it in.

I've nearly finished this block, however I

have written to St Onor for another one like it, they are  
quite the best books I have struck yet.

Did you ever get a Turkish shell I sent you seen it in  
convo?

The rain makes a great bother on my Constantin roof,  
but its absolutely waterproof which is a great thing.

Will you then I love like you all be news  
Best love to you all.

Your loving  
Pal.

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Monday

Have just heard that Sir John  
& Wallis Brailmont have both  
been deformed & gone home.

Morris is coming out to take  
on the job.

If ever a show has been  
properly managed by good staff  
work & handling this one has.

Absolutely lathered the way  
the show messed things.

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