

VIIth Corps
7th April '16

Dear Mr^s Armstrong

Have just seen Pat - I did not know him the least - Last time, in fact the only time, I saw him he was pale with a nose like Anthony's. Today he appeared to be an unusually good looking young man with a high colour and would have done to sit as a portrait for "Health". He seemed to be bursting with good health, and good spirits. I must say I congratulate you on his appearance. Curiously when I went into Room No. 2nd I asked for "Maude", why I don't know, but I was thinking of his mother as I used to know her years gone by.

He looked so much younger than when I last saw him. I find that he is a friend of my A.D.C. When I told the latter I thought he looked very different from 2 years ago he said "Yes he does, but that was after his smash at Jato."

I asked Pat to dine one night and I'll ask his General

on the same night so that they can come together.
Mum & I are only about 6 miles from here.

I suppose I was about Pali's age when I first met
you.

Last time I saw him I only saw a whizzer to me then,
but this time I could see a whizzer to you and see
many as the war.

What a good thing he has got down in these parts
and not in Flanders.

I'm not due for leave for a very long time yet, about
another 7 weeks. By then perhaps we shall be too busy
for leave but one never can say.

What a wonder you are to be up at 4 a.m. Still
I know you like to be doing your part.

I think things are looking up all round.

I was much taken with Pat, and even if I had not known he
belonged to you, I should ^{have} thought him very good looking.
Now you must not tell him this - Yours always T. D. How