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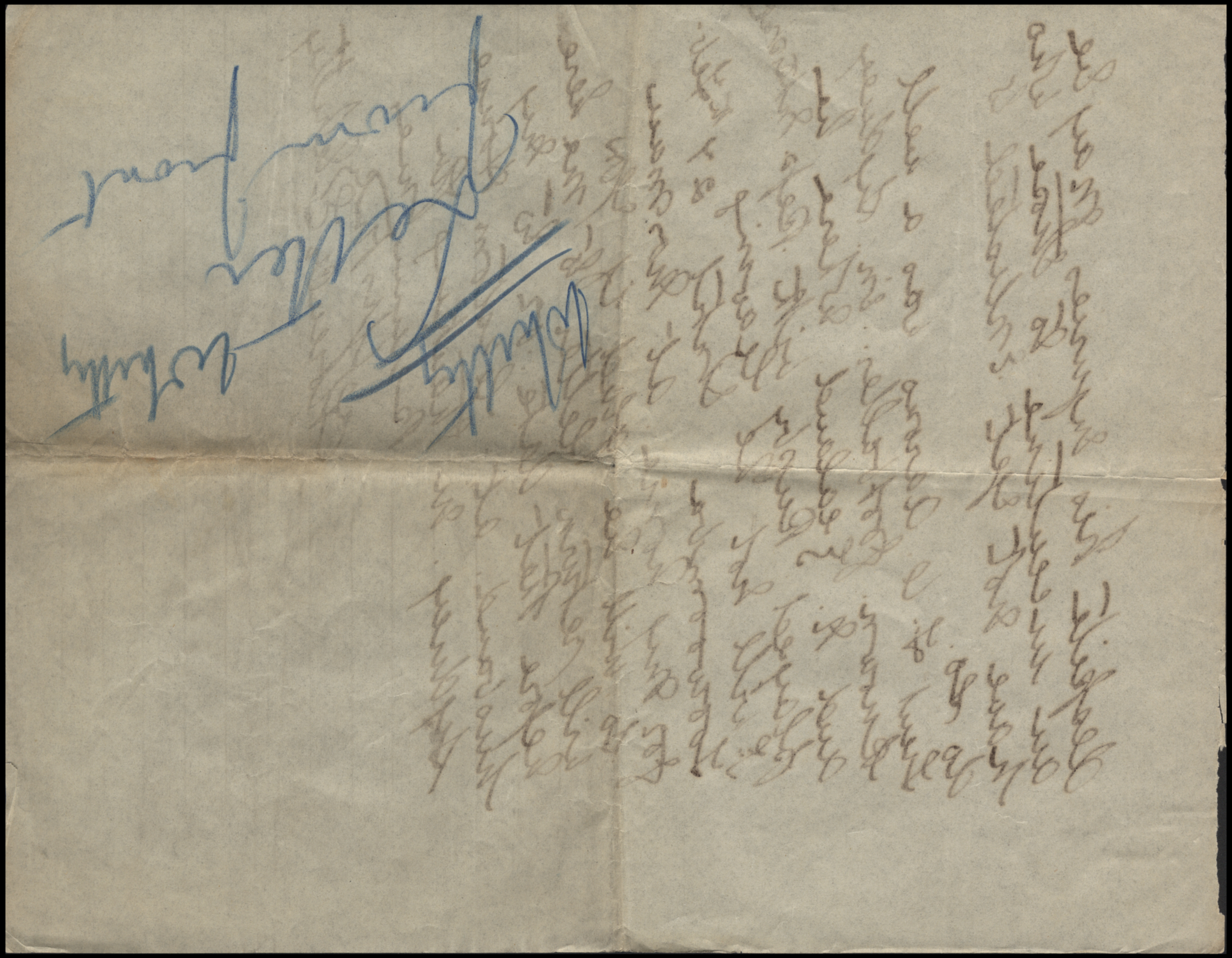
To
The Editor
Sydney Morning Herald

Dear Sir.

The Enclosed letter from my brother was sent to my husband. C. D. Whitty "Delhurst" Mosman. by the last mail and who sent the letter on to me. I have got present on a healthy trip with one of my boys. I send this letter from my brother Lieut F. G. Aaron who was attached to the 6th Battery A.F.A. and who was recently seriously wounded at Gallipoli He left Sydney with the First Contingent. His cheerful letter

Despite his injuries may be an incentive to those who have not yet enlisted to do so.
Lieut. F. W. Aarons was a well known footballer in Sydney and N. Zealand where he played Rugby with Repo. International & will not be leaving Toowoomba until 27th Feb. for my home at Normanhurst so will be glad if you will return letter to me here before that date or to my husband at Custom House Sydney. In thanking you

Believe me
Yours Truly
Florence E. Whitty



19. General Hospital.
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My dear Charley.

I am writing you first hand information about the nature of my wounds and I feel sure that you will see. Why I have done this —:
I was hit, with several other officers, in the artillery observation post at a place called Fromelles Top where I had gone that morning to carry out some observation work. With the exception of one officer who was killed the others were Infantry. The shell which won the argument came from a flank and burst inside the post. At first I did not think I was hit but imagined my right eye was closed with dirt and I suffered no pain. I made my way through the debris towards my telephonist a little further along the trench when I was grabbed by the Stretcher Bearers and rushed off to the Dressing Station — meantime under fire —: Safely arrived there I was at once attended

to — my wounds dressed and my eye cleaned and at 6 O'clock I was on board the Hospital ship bound for Alexandria — 2½ hours after I was hit —: My wounds consist of one wound on right breast & two on the right shoulder, right collar bone broken, ~~right~~ sight of right Eye gone — the eye has since been removed a few scratches here and there from the blast. For the apparent knocking about I got I have suffered comparatively no pain. I received no shock and my nerves are in perfect order —: Indeed I have made such marked progress that I move about the room alone and eat my meals unaided —: Regarding my Eye as far I can judge I have not yet missed it so that by comparison with the other fellows I am not prepared to kick. Otherwise there is absolutely nothing wrong with my health. I am in capable medical hands and the officer who operated on my Eye did Everything in his power to try and "make the Eye see" but it was a pro-German: — This officer is ~~reg~~ recognised as being one of the premier specialists in England and I don't think I will ever

forget either his kindness or his skill in treating me. I dareay after a few weeks I shall be either off to England or Australia. tho I would prefer a trip to the old country before returning to Australia —: I really think I could finish the campaign without any inconvenience but I dareay the authorities will send me back to australia where I hope to be able to help things along in the Instructional Staff. —:

Well (old man) there's nothing so bad that it mightnot be worse and I consider that I have been both fortunate and honoured. — I will close now wishing you (to the Boys) and all the family Every happiness in the coming year.

Your affectionate Brother.

Fred.

P.S. I am fortunate in having at my bedside a very old pal of mine who nurts me often and who has penned these lines.

AH.