



The Salvation Army.

Chaplain Expeditionary Forces,

Oct 16th 1914

Commodore Bay
Melbourne
Dear Sirs

Just a line to thank you for your great kindness in making it possible for Mrs M. Stenzig to come over for a couple of days. She too was deeply grateful for your generosity. Her coming, with Maria, was a nice break in the waiting season, as this uncertainty is rather trying to one's patience.

However I got word yesterday to embark on Sat. 17th & fancy we get off about Monday from the Sydney Harbour. I saw my berth this afternoon it is a slap up affair; they have given me a cabin to myself, no one, and



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very comfortable, with just
the one bed in it. So, I shall
sleep undisturbed & prepare
for my work with soul &
mind satisfaction. I'll
have some grand seasons.
Everybody is impatient to be
off & the troops will feel
much more satisfied when
they get on board & turn
toward the Northern regions.
Personally, I'm exceedingly glad
to get on the move & look
forward with eagerness &
impatience to the next few weeks.
I expect a good profitable time
with the troops.

I have had some good meetings
around about but nothing
very noteworthy has happened.
The men are restless and
many dissatisfied, indeed,
there has been a few desertions
& quite a few diamittals
& also a number of resignations



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There is considerable demoralisation among the men of the police who have locked up several in their uniforms & all. They will shift the Camps from the vicinity of the City right up into the country near to Liverpool somewhere. One of the Col's went for his men on the smoking question in addition to the Deiat (Col Artill) & I embark on Saty 19th at 8^{am}. I must now conclude by thanking yourself & Mrs May for your great kindness & solicited thoughtfulness to me & mine. I take my departure, carefree, with a lively faith in Jesus and a settled determination to glorify my Heavenly Father, from the interests of the Kingdom &



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uphold the Army flag. It is
a forgiving satisfaction for
me to feel I have your
confidence in my mission
& the earnest prayers of a
multitude of my comrades.
I only trust none will be
disappointed. - May God give
you ~~abundant~~ grace & joy.
I shall write you when I
can & keep you informed of
my doings
Meanwhile I pray that
you may see a mighty move
in the commonwealth of
Aust.

Thank the Lord that the drought
is breaking in places.

Yours affectly

W. H. George

P.S. Sydney is being strongly ble^d
for patriotic funds each week.



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Dear Sir

You will doubtless be anxious to know how things are moving in this project. I may say that I had orders to board the 'Swifides' on Monday Oct 19th at 9 a.m. which I did. This is the largest of the transports being 15000 tons & is her maiden trip to & from Aust. We are carrying in 2095 troops 90 officers 270 Red Cross, 6 nurses & about 250 of a crew so we have a mighty crew indeed it is the largest number of troops that have ever been conveyed across the sea for a long distance. I am attached to the 4th Battalion, which contains over 1,000 men. The Dean of Sydney is attached to the 3rd Battalion on the fore part of the ship. I also have



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the medical Corps. I have 191
the after part of the ship
which is by far the best &
most roomy, including the
poop deck.
You will be glad to know that
I am extremely comfortable
fixed up with a stateroom
Cabin $12 \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ ft to myself
containing a couple of beds
& a coach wardrobe & 4
drawers, so I have room to
let & can spend a happy
time on my own. Ad lib, tho'
I have been little in it save
at night so far. I have
simply been moving in &
out among the men getting
to know them as much as
possible, & as close to them
as I can. I have met a lot
of fine fellows & they certainly
have received me with
helpful frankness, one
most respectful & chat away
without restraint.



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The ship is fearfully crowded & one cannot get a quiet place to take the men apart, as soon as I start chatting to one a crowd of others come around to hear what is said. The ship Capt'n (a Scot-Douglas) gave me some encouragement to night & said 'I'll see that you get every facility with the men. He's an Aberdeenian & a fine sort too. I hear there are to be 38 troopships (including 10 from N.Z. & about a dozen or 15 Cruisers to act as a Convoy, so I guess it will be a fine sight as we leave Albany. A tiny picture of it would be worth something, but of course, this would not be thought of. I am enjoying myself immensely the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places & I antic- ipate the time of my life.



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Of course many of the boys
were seasick after we got
thro' the Heads on Tuesday
morning. We anchored all
night in the Sydney Harbour &
set sail at 6-30 a.m. It blew
strongly & rained some, the
sea was choppy, but I stood
it like a Viking. Many
of the Officers were down
to it, but today has been a
perfect day & the sea like
a mill pond.

I will conclude, praying
that God may richly bless
& help you & bring you
out with a creditable and
satisfying F.R. total.

Yours affectly

Wm. A. George

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I have had a couple of practices
We have "Banjo" Peterson onboard
as the reporter for the Sydney
morning Herald, he will give us
a lift I'm counting him a bit!
I am delighted with my
job & charmed with its
opportunities. The kindness
of the officers is most
noteworthy & I'm just
as happy & contented as
I can well be.

Hoping that all are well
& that things are going
well with the army.

Yours affectionately

J. W. Dungey

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Lawrence Hays
Ullboorne
Dear Sir

Oct 25th Nov 1911

We are now
Just approaching Albany (won)
where we salute the flagship
"Orvieto" on which is General
Bridges & the McDudo staff. The
General will board our ship
for an inspection so we are
evidenced on parade we had a
rehearsal for this ceremony
yesterday after five hours
we have had a busy week, tho'
a most pleasant time from
every stand point. The weather
has been lovely & the sea
a pleasing frame of mind,
that the men have been in good
spirits & all have received their
Discharge. Tho' there are ~~over~~^{over}
33 in the hospital, 16 of them
with sexual disease they I think
will be dismissed at Albany
others have measles & a few
with accidents & other ailments



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We have kept busy moving among
the men when off duty, getting
to know them, winning their con-
fidence & helping them in all
possible ways. We are becoming
very friendly & in a few cases
quite intimate. I am, every day,
discovering many backsliders.
I wish we had a place (private)
where we could take men to
talk & pray with them. None
are now allowed to enter the
stateroom cabins, all orderlies
(Officers) have been discharged
from duty in the cabins as
a few things were being moved.
So we have to do our best under
the circumstances.

The Brig. Gen. (Col. MacLaren) has put
on official prayers every morning
we started today on each end
of the ship at 7-10 A.M. We
the Dean & I take ^{prayers} alternately.
I may say that he & I are
working splendidly & I sh



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my full share of funeral duty.
We had 4 meetings yesterday as
follows. The Dean has come
at 7-4.5 am. The official funeral
was held at 11 am. I read the
lesson & prayed, the Dean preached
for 7 1/2 minutes. The Bishop called
& complimented us on the very
fine service, the ship Captain
(Douglas) was cupping his ears.
He was greatly moved by the
way the men sang & listened.
We formed a Bible class in the
after at 3 p.m. It attended for
a beginning we'll get 60 next
Sunday. It was a bright free
meeting & I gave them a
25 minutes talk on the Prophet
Ezekiel. A lot more are hard at
it in their names to attend.
We have mapped out a course
of lessons to take each
Sunday beginning next Sunday
4 Old Testament Heroes &
4 New Testament Heroes
"Moses, David, Isaiah, Daniel,
John the Baptist, Peter, Paul, John the beloved"



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A meeting was also held in the hospital
5-45 to 6-10 P.M. & I held a
stirring free meeting on the
fore deck at night 8 P.M. to 8-50
P.M. the singing was superb.
We are organising a choir
for the religious meetings.
Our weekly programme is now
as follows: -

Monday - Brass & Pipe Band
play at night
Prayers 8-45 A.M. short meeting
from 8-15 to 8-45 P.M. Plenty of
songs etc.
Tuesday - Prayers, Bands, lanterns
Wednesday - Prayers, Concert.
Thursday - Prayers, Bands, Meetings
Friday - Prayers, Games, Meetings
Saturday - Prayers, Concert -
Sunday 4 meetings as out-
lined above, with the
Deas & I giving the
address alternately.
We chain the Concerts also
alternately. I have fixed up
a few war songs & choruses



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We have instituted a nightly service running for a short period, on the lines of family prayer, singing a couple or three songs, a short reading getting them all to repeat the Lord's prayer etc, these two nights past they have sung most beautifully.

The Dean & I are responsible for organising the games, concerts etc, so will be kept pretty busy on the job in addition to other duties. I may say that I have been shown great kindness from the Brigade commanding Col McHavrin, the other Cols & indeed all the officers. There is a strong sprinkling of Scotch among them, several Jews & a few R.C.s. I shall have a rare good time among them also & will become fast friends.



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The Brigadier informed me that he would do everything to help me within reason & don't be afraid to ask for anything I want done.

We have a brass band and also a Pipe Band or band, I wish that I had a set of Band Boots for them (the red boot) I'll get them in England, as soon as I land there. I gave out an amount of boots and magazines today, & they simply worked me like valves.

I have stowed a few ex-officers among the men, including ex-Adjt Owen & Capt Bubb. There are a few paler soldiers aboard including Adjt Beavis son & the Beavis family, beside a good few army backsliders. There are also some minister's sons, & some rough diamonds too.



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Commander Hay
Melbourne
Dear Sir

You will be pleased to learn that I am well in body, cheerful in spirit, & happy in my work, which is very congenial. I offer great appreciation for effective efforts towards the salvation of souls. The officers are most kind & the men very respectful. Thus the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. I am working & accomplishing something worth while. The fruits are now apparent. I find personal dealing to help me much in winning the confidence of the men while they relate their fears & follies. Our services are also producing some striking results. The men saw with great readiness in



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the singing of
But for the need of great
caution & the obscurity of
an essential vigorous
censorship I might relate
some interesting episodes
of our journeying.
However, not assured that
all is well with us.

I hope that you are having
some effective & helpful
times in your journeying
to & fro in the Common-
wealth. I am quite lost
without the weekly publications
& hope it will be possible
to get them sent on.

I must now conclude, by wish-
ing you all the happiest of
Xmas & the most useful
of new years! With much
love & earnest prayers
I am

Yours as ever
W. A. Henzie



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who had these memorials erect
ed by slaves in this land of
bondage & now the freed
peoples of the South who stand
for liberty in the highest &
best form are now looking
upon these memorials & are
ready to defend their own
liberties & break the shackles
to set others free. [We have
a great ship so here on the
2nd or there about when a
new order of things is being
brought into Egypt, which
you will have heard of by Cable
ere this reaches you. There
are at present well on for
40,000 troops of all sorts
in Egypt at present & whether
we are going to strike the
Dutch in the Holy Land or
Lybia is yet almost a question.
Meanwhile we have begun
to train & get into fit condition
for service for all emergencies.
We fully encircled at Alexandria

Delivered
by
C. W. B.
Regent



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where it took us 4 days to dis-
embark the troops, horses &
all equipment from our boat, and
the disembarkation is still going
on, we should all be in Camp
by the 23rd of December, and
so be able to spend a Xmas to-
gether here in Camp.

The 120 miles journey by train from
Alex to Cairo is a most interesting
one that shows the Nile Delta
that is rich with promising
crops of grain, vegetables &
fruit. It is densely populated
we passed by many villages
thru quite a few large towns
& a couple of cities, crossing
the Nile twice, besides several
tributaries. The crops I saw
were wheat & barley, cotton,
maize, lovely lucerns, & water
cress with cabbages that would
put the Brighton beauties to
shame for size, they are
hauling them giles for
very gladness & the water



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Melons have hearts of scarlet
that would tempt an ¹⁹¹Abel-
donian Scot to part with sixpence
just to get his hands around one
of these beauties. Beautiful
Belary & great Gauchet. The
date palms yield in plenty &
the oranges are large & good.
[Here you see Camels, Donkeys,
Buffaloes, Arab ponies, sheep, &
goats all feeding together. They
will plough with a Camel and
Donkey, their milking Buffaloes
& Donkey, & it all looks so
 quaint, picturesque & interesting
we detained after a 6 hours
journey when the men were
lined up in companies, filed
past in two, a temporary Can
been where each was served
with a roll of bread, a pint
of cheese & a pint pot of
steaming hot ~~coconut~~ ^{was}
were included. It is a great
job moving an army. He
ultimately took train to Meru



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House, & then walk out another
mile to Camp, where we bivouacked
on the sandy Desert. It is hard
for a bed & I didn't sleep much
the first three nights, but I
am quite used to it now. I
sleep in the open each night
& the Dews are fearfully heavy,
making the blankets quite damp
each morning. The nights &
early mornings at present
are fearfully cold, I have
2 pair of blankets or more & they
do cold. There is a great dif-
ference between midday &
midnight so far as the tem-
perature goes. It is sometimes
very warm in the morning
from ~~9~~ 9 to 3 P.M. approx.
[We are gradually getting tents
& hope by another week's time
to have tents for all the
Battalion. These tents come
from G. Britain & are all new.
Things have been much mixed
up & are getting into ship shape



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we have been able to do little
about for, as personal dealing with
the hospital in which there are
over 200 patients & conduct
the Sunday parade etc, the
training starting on Monday
lost in the Desert completely
knocked the men up so me I
had to take back to camp over
on a stretcher [I join the morning
route marches etc to get into
shabby condition I'm the
only 'ladie' who does so the
others simply sit about in their
camp or go off into Cairo, or
move around sight seeing.
[My Col has just asked me to
assist the Dr. in the
bandling & distribution of
the men's food supplies, as it
is too much for him in the
morning so this I am doing
in order to help still further
[I have met a number of Salv
ationists, but they are
hard to discover over such
a wide area & some are



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Just coming in, thus I am
finding one or two fresh ones 191
every day now. The Y.M.C.A.
is erecting a large tent in
each Brigade (3 here) & will
have the use of this at least
once a week for a meeting
(800 capacity). The troops (almost
every man save the sick) move
off at 8 AM & return at 7.30
have dinner & rest after this
they need it too, 70 per cent get
leave each day, then 100 are on
guard and picket duty out of
each battalion (every day).
We'll get into something like
working on day next week.
Of course it is a moot question
how long we'll be here. It may
only a few weeks. We may have
to go to Europe or it ~~is~~ ^{is} Palestine
time will tell!

Meanwhile I must close so off
to conduct a funeral.
God bless you all
yours as ever M. Pengo



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I get any letters returned from
London, I get a note from ¹⁹¹
Cupboard & another from
Connu hand, which they
just addressed to the
London Post Office for me
& so it was sent out here
of course we are having
a real interesting time
with plenty of variety to make
it so tho' its appalling to hear
the swearing & low language
of the men when in con-
versation with each other in
the tents & elsewhere. However
there is a leaven at work
that will have a good effect
& thus hope, leaven the whole
lump. Just imagine how
interesting it is to be
sampled 1200 yds from the
largest pyramid & about
1400 yds from the sphinx
I have been thro' the ancient
Temple of the sphinx &
also into the tombs of the
Kings & Queens of the Aton.

I am going into Cairo to find
after to a Conference of Chaplains
at the C.M.S. Rooms where we
have after tea & then a discussion
on how best to do our work as
Chaplains & how we can assist
each other in the work etc.
Besides I'm introduced to some
of the English speaking people
in the city. I'll probably be
able to tell you something of
it in my next. I will then
be able to get some Post Card
stamps & other things which
to send on to the Boys. There
are lots of things here they
would like but money is short
I may be able to see the City
also & so I describe it a bit, but
I must have a whole day's
visit first, tho' the Mosques
Museum, Citadel & other places
then the River Nile in which
Moses was found when he
was a baby boy 2 years old
There are a lot of Crocodiles
in the river.



Please return to the Commissioner

Captain Expeditionary Forces,
4th Battalion A.I.F.
Egypt

Dec 17th 1914

Comdt
Melbourne
By Sea Command

Here we are in a military camp at Mena, 7 miles out from Cairo & we are camped in the shadow of the Pyramids in a valley that runs from Nth East to Sth West, our camp is Wth West of the largest Pyramid which is just 1200 yds distance from us & the Sphinx is some 200 yds further on we are thus on the edge of the great Arabian Desert that runs right thro' to Suifolia. Here the sons of the youngest nations is moving around over the dust of the peoples of the well nigh oldest nation. Here we see the speaking Memorials of powerful potentates of a long past period.

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Dear Sir

Another week has gone & all is well with us, we have just got over Christmas and a very enjoyable time we had too. Look man got extra rations. Navy had Turkey & Plum puddings & other luxuries so numerous to mention & this is much to the Anzacs. They like to gorge, & never can have too much, they of course are training hard & need a good foundation. They start on very heavy practical training on Jan 2nd up to date methods suggested by the present war in Europe & they are kept at it, including night work. The men are dog tired, some too tired to eat when they get home & they growl some too but only well disciplined forces have any show. This is the imperative message that came thro' last week



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The mess of Magda, a holiday ¹⁹¹
after Church Parade from 9 to 9
so many got hoarse in 'pa' in Cairo
144 out of our 1045 were missing
next morning (never came home) &
some regiments were worse than
that. Genl Maxwell has complained
of the conduct of the Arabs here
in Cairo. (This is G. T.) He rattled
up Genl Bridges on this point. The
hellery & Devilry & Brothel damn
appalling at night. Hell is tel
loose, & the flaunting wickedness
of the thousands of Continental
women here is a trap to hell for
many of our young men besides
many native & colonised women
the place reeks with the red plague
& many of our men will be sent
home for impubness this venereal
disease contracted here. I have
done some mighty plain talking
on this point & also gone into
the Brothels & Hell holes to drag
the men out. I shouldn't be sur-
prised if I got a stab one of these
nights for this as the Brothel



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keepers are mad with me for emptying their places & ordering the men home. Still I can't avoid it when my blood gets stirred with this giant foe. Over 100 of our men are affected with T.D. & are to be sent home in disgrace. For Godley is strong on this point. Our willies are threatened with this d. g. hold an inspection of every man (save the chaplains) each Sunday morning & all affected are marked men both officers & soldiers. Our Inspector has not yet been insisted on, but this is coming shortly. I spent a jolly Xmas Day we all had a very special dinner & imagine my surprise to get a wire from Col Unsworth asking me to meet him in Cairo that evening so I found him at the Y.M.C.A. & we spent the evening together. He also came out & took him around the Pyramids & Sphinx on Boxing Day, where we had our photo taken on camels including Sween of F. 18.



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He comes out & addresses the
one troop at the Y.M.C.A. tent ¹⁹¹
tonight 7 p.m. I had a great
crowd this morning. Quite a few
in my Battalion are changing. New
Relief from C.O.F.T. is on way to
come to my services. At least
7 of the officers are included in
this so I thank God & take courage.
It is impossible to do much in
weeklies this the most owing
to night time being as 6.50 out
of the 10.40 are out each night
this includes the guards & pickets
& the others get to bed at 7.30 p.m.
lead beat with tramping thus the
heavy sand. We have a meeting
each Wedy night & Sunday night
I do much personal dealing &
Hospital visits. I am evi-
dently pleasing the Col & Major
as they have handed over to me
all the comforts for Troops
& extra rations to see distributed
I am also commiserated to get
up a great Scots spread for



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New Year's Eve & Given Cantata 1911
Blanche we conclude with a
Pots Concert. There are 42 of
the Big Pots Guns coming along
to dine with us (50 in all) that night
Especially the men also, have a
high opinion of my religion &
reason. I look after them in
great style. I can only say I am
doing my best & certainly ex-
posing myself & keeping in the
best of good body & soul.
One needs to be strong in the hand
& able to stand up to every one
including the Parsons - jealous
or otherwise. I fancy we are
managing to do this fairly well.
I have met some of the "Bellevue"
out here enquiring for my
Boy & yourself. Some of them
are Calverton & had a visit from
Nore Bandman, Jack & Nelson from
Dalford II this morning he is
a passenger on the Laguerre at
the Suez Canal where they await
the Duris, who won't come

The National Bank
Highway Department, Cairo



Unsworth is out on ins-
pection and flying the
land with a view to
commence army operations
tho a great fall in Cairo
& Alexandria for
social shelter & places
want, as also Salomon

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The Bedouin Arabs have sniped a few Indians & some of the ¹⁹¹⁷ Sudanese have deserted from the Egyptian Army & joined the arabs. There is persistent talk that we proceed to Europe in 7 or 8 weeks time unless our presence is needed to squeeze the Turks in Syria - The Indians are doing it on one side, the Russians on the other & we may be wanted for a wedge to drive into between at Beirut & Jaffa with Damascus and Jerusalem as our final objective. The troops here are very fit & anxious to go forward. I hope that all is well with you & the Army & all my comrades. I have so much missed the Army & all Army news for the past 15 weeks I have heard nothing whatever. I know that I brought my first letter on some night. It began to get there next week. I expect to all
 Yr most devoted
 W. H. Kenzie