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MR. G. BROOMFIELD,  
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AUS 422410

SGT CAMERON C.S.

(Sender's name)

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Dear Uncle,

I never expected to ever be in an American Hospital. So today I'm in one from Mumps. I'm up walking about. How are Aunt Laura and Aunt Effie also? The Yanks have treated me fine. I've been out for dinner, gone to dances and other entertainment here. After arriving in the States I had a long train journey. We travelled in style, by Pullman Sleepers. We even had porters to make out beds. The scenery was excellent except that the grass was brown. The spring had not greened it yet up. I saw my first snow here. It looked grand but it was many miles from the train since being at this Camp, there has been 3 snow falls. After one fall we had a snow fight. This is rather late in spring to have snow. Before I'm finished with this war I will have to put up with plenty of snow.

George & Frank Cross managed to get home with the sheep alright but my I never expected a sheep to be so stubborn. It went alright for about 3 miles but after that it sure was boss as we had to agree with whatever it insisted upon.

There is never a dull moment for an Aussie in America. I certainly will be glad to get out of hospital. Because I'm to get some leave. Remember me to all at "Bow Hill"

Best of all  
From Colin.

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AUS 422410 Sgt Cameron <sup>b.S.</sup>  
RAAF Base P.O. Kingsway  
London W.C.2. England.  
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Dear Uncle,

I now consider myself a man with plenty of travelling experience. By that I mean what I write because since last seeing you I have seen New Zealand. Toured the States of America, and saw a great deal of Canada. Not only that I have seen North Ireland, Scotland and much of England. I have formed a grand opinion already of England. Yet I still give all of my own love for Sunny Australia. Wellington is the prettiest harbour I've ever seen, I would not expect Switzerland to be much prettier. Then

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I found the people of America very pleasant to-wards the Australians but many were very pleased to find out that there were a few whites in Australia. They were amazed to find out how quickly we learnt their language but they were very much surprised to learn that we speak English in Australia. Many people rated us as heroes.

I left the states with a very pleasant memory after seeing such cities such as. New York, Boston, San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit, Providence, Ohama, Denver, Kanza City, Rotchesher, Rotchesher, Salt Lake City, and a few other noted places. Then in Canada I saw.




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Halifax, St. John, Moncton  
and Niagara. I was  
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an Instructor at Moncton  
for 8 weeks. I had to  
Instruct on Turrets. Here I  
met some wonderful friends  
Mr and Mrs Davis made their  
home open to me and they  
asked me to come and see  
them any time I wanted to.  
I then met a Farmers daughter.  
It was through her I saw  
the ins and outs of a  
Canadian Farm. Farms  
in Canada have to have  
large shelters for their  
Cattle, horse and pigs  
during the winter. This  
means that these cattle  
etc have to be under  
shelter for 7 to 8 months a

year. Also they have to keep a big supply of hay at hand for the forth coming winter as during winter transport is very difficult. During my 8 weeks at Moncton we had 17 inches of snow. This was in mid-Spring. 12 inches came down in one fall. It lasted for 3 days. This fall was my first real experience of what a snow fall was like.

While at this farm of Mr Kyle's I noticed that all Cattle, Horses and Pigs were under the same roof. I asked was this always done on farms "yes" was the answer. I gathered by

the  smell and stuffiness that Tuberculous and other diseases would be common. But I did not like to ask that question as I did not want to find faults. Still Everything was kept spotlessly clean.

I bought a book of dairying in Canada and true enough there were the words. Farmers fight against Tuberculous.

I learnt that if one cow had T. B. before long others would soon have it. So in winter time. Herds had to be inspected and each animal had to have a blood test taken for T. B. by a Government Veterinary doctor. Once a month.

So I judged that farming

In ~~the~~ Australia would be about 400% better.

While in Canada I went fishing to a place called Daunchester with a Polish Sergeant of the RAF. he caught about 4 times as many trout as I did. Of course he was a grand fisher either that or I was a mug. Well to show you the difference in fishing between us. That as much chance to beat him in fishing as I had of beating you with draughts. and that is never in a 100 yrs.

Uncle I would like you to please remember me to you two sisters Aunt Effie and Aunt Lauria. Would I like to be at Bow Hill now. Seeing that this is June and those big



Pommigranits should be ripe now. Oh Boy would they go well. But I hope to be home to help you eat them maybe next year but very unlikely.

Now I better talk a little on England. My praise for the common working class of England can not be to high. The way the women folk work and dont complain makes us proud that we are British. yet I read an Australian Paper dated 11th April which stated that all ships were unloaded by soldiers & women because the wharf Labourers went out on strike. If that happened here well they would

be penalised for it. While I was looking at the beautiful flowers in a park at Brighton I happened to speak to a typical English woman. She was Mrs Robinson a mother of 2 children aged 2 and 4 yrs old. Her husband is in the middle East. This woman opened my eyes to the life of an English mother. She looked about 40 but because of worry she may have been only about 30. This Mrs Robinson works 8 hours a day in a factory for 6 days a week. takes her 2 children to a nursery every morning before going to work. and on her return home she collects them. She cleans them and then does her

house work. Yet she did not complain.

I noticed that England looks so green. No doubt the soil must be very rich by the quality of vegetable that is grown here. By the looks of the farms I saw they looked very much like the farms at Larue Estate. I noticed a lot of trees on each farm. But the spacing of crops was much less than in Australia.

Potatoes for instance were not more than 12 inches ~~between~~ each row.

Uncle I will tell you much more about England when I next write.

Respect to, be on 7 days

leave next week. This I hope will be spent on an English Farm.

3 days ago I was interviewed by Lady Ryder KCB. Head of our Welfare in England. I asked for a stay at an English farm.

To see England you would not realise that a war is on until you look closely at the buildings and then one would be amazed. Uncle have you played any more draughts with Dad since I've left. Don't forget Uncle remember me to all at 'Bow Hill' and tell Mr. Albert Johnson that I'd like to be Remembered to him.

To-day I played a game of Cricket at Brighton.

So Cheerio for the Present  
Best thoughts from Colin.

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AUS 422410 Sgt Cameron, lds.  
RAAF Base P.O. Kodak House  
Kingsway, London  
WC2, England,



U.S. ARMY

Dear Uncle,

In this letter I hoped to tell you about an English farm and what life is like on an English farm. But just my bad luck to be posted just as my leave was due. But strange enough I'm not disappointed in missing my leave mainly because I received a posting to the famous Australian Squadron No 10 Sunderland Sqdn. I always hoped that I may have the honour of being posted to No 10 Squadron, But seeing that the standard for this squadron is so high I did not expect

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to make the grade. I would not have been disappointed if I had been posted to something else.

But when the W. O. D. (Warrent Officer of Discipline) informed me that I had received a posting to this Squadron, I certainly was excited. I jumped with joy as this was the first thing that I ever received that I wanted since being in the RAAF. It makes me very confident seeing that I received what I asked for.

Since last writing I have seen a little of England, I have been to London and I saw Westminister abbey, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace,

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and many bombed scared places in London. The buildings that were most heavily hit were certainly the Churches and Cathedral.

London looks beautiful although there is a war on. This is mainly due to the beautiful gardens, parks, and sport grounds. The parks and gardens are covered with flowers and the sport fields are nothing but a massive green. England does look green.

Then I saw many farms. Of course the English farm is not the same size as we have them in Australia. And one does not see many fences here but the paddocks are

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fenced off by hedges of  
small scrubs. No one  
received a bigger surprise  
than I did when I came to  
England. I expected to see  
houses every where. But  
in England the cities are  
so very thickly populated  
and the farms are many  
and are very compact. There  
is certainly very little  
land wasted. At present  
every available patch is  
under vegetables. This is why  
we have such a grand  
supply of fresh vegetables.  
Yes the food is very good  
here. But we do miss one  
or two things, they are Wheat,  
Chocolates and for those who smoke  
cigarettes. Although I am now



on an operational station I hope to refrain from smoking and drinking also gambling.

Uncle Remember me to Aunties Laura and Effie.

I hope this letter reaches <sup>and finds</sup> you all at Bow Hill in best of health, wealth and happiness.

Maule and the Dingo Creek are having a grand season I hope.

Well from now on I will be much more contented as I am not idle. Leave does not come at any special time. So when I get my leave I will not know.

When I actually fly in operations I will be experiencing a much different life as we

may be up for a half a day during this time one has two meals so we gunners do the cooking. So it looks as if I'll have to learn to cook.

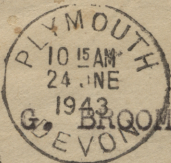
Remember <sup>me</sup> me to Aunt Effie and Aunt Louisa and until you hear from me again I send you my best Remembrances. So until then Cheerio and the Best of Everything

From  
your Cousin  
Colin.

My present address is  
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On Active Service.



MR. G. EVON, BROOME FIELD

"BOW HILL,"

DINGO CREEK,

via WINGHAM

N.S.W. AUSTRALIA.





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responsible for it. Well I did enjoy my leave. It was recuperation leave. But if we have to go through what our crew had to for leave I do not want any.

We were given this leave after fighting off 4 JU88's in a running battle for 1 hour 4 minutes. In that time they fired about 1000 machine gun rounds at us plus 720 20mm cannons + 240 37m.m. cannons. Our Captain F/O Humble and controller F/O Coomes did co-operate very well together. We the rest of the crew owe our lives to their magnificent skill. The way the pilots manoeuvred the plane was magnificent. They took such violent evasive action that we were only hit 15 times, 2 cannons + 13 machine guns.

The observer who was the controller is admired by us all for his

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extra outstanding work. He gave a wonderful commentary on their whereabouts and told the pilots when and how much to turn. It was his controlling that saved us from many more hits. We may have shot two down. Two went away with smoke trailing from them.

So that is how we managed to get some leave.

Uncle I hope you all at Bow Hill are in the best of health and happiness. I will be glad when the day comes that we may again meet.

Once again remember me to your two sisters please.

Uncle I will have to close now and I send my kindest Remembrances of you all.

Best Regards.  
from Colin.

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*Mr. G. Broome*  
*"Bow Hill"*

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*Dingo Creek*

*via Wingham*

*N.S.W. Australia*



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