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Dear Mrs Addison :- I feel very much ashamed to have left unanswered so long your kind letters. The explanation is that after my operation I got so over whelmed with letters (not having received any from Aug 14 to Nov 19) that I have not yet been able to answer them as I have been moving about ever since having done duty in nine places since leaving Anzac.

I wanted so much too to write you about your dear son, unfortunately I could send you no particulars of his death except that he died leading his men as he always did in life. I saw much of him both at Liverpool, Egypt and on the Curram. He was such a congenial spirit he loved everything that was noble & good & was an absolutely unselfish man. His men were his great charge. He was always planning on the ship things for their comfort & pleasure and whenever I was about with them he would be there seeing if their food was right getting them games and arranging entertainments for them on the days when they could not go on deck on account of the rain. Everybody respected and admired him & those of us who were allowed into the circle of his friendship loved him. He gave so much & expected so little for himself that



it was embarrassing to under him any little service because he overwhelmed me with his giving his entertainments on the ship. I had done some good thing. Then one day I visited him in the hospital I think several times but each time it was the same gracious reception he gave me that my visits will never be recorded in heaven for I got such abundant reward from Wilfred. He was one of the few young men I know next of whom you could say "Behold an Israelite in whom is no guile" He loved good things and evil could not remain with him. If ever a man was prepared to stand in the presence of his King of Kings Wilfred Addison was that man. To be the mother & father of such a son is a glorious heritage. I never knew whether he left a sweetheart in Aus. if he did will you express my sincere sympathy ^{with her} for she has lost one of the grandest comrades any woman possessed.

I have heard from Mrs Addison how soon you have been over this grief has two days after the news came you were at your job in the 18th Row. I think it is what Wilfred would have wished that even his death must hinder the work for his comrades. I was reading the other day the qualification of "the most noble order of the Garter" and I think he could have taken the vows they had to take

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They were sworn to vows of utter hardihood
utter gentleness
and utmost



utter faithfulness in
obedience to the King"

He was indeed
at any time you should

a choice spirit. If
you have a photo of him to

send I should return it a favour to receive one

I was with him right up to the time he
went into the charge. We spent Sat. afternoon
together marched from 7.30 pm to 4 am then
rested till 12.30 then marched in the dark
till 5 am when we rested for a few minutes
& then into the trenches. I was in the Welsh Border
trenches & when the wounded began to come I sent
him to the Ambulance Station.

As you will see I am now with the 50th I would
you to thank the 18th for the many parcels they sent
me I have not received one of them, not one, but the
boys have had them and so it is satisfactory so far.
My own people are now sending me things by Parcel
Post & I get them.

Am now in the Adonian Desert - walked to
my outpost last Sunday held 5 Chertland the first
7.30 am the last 6 pm. We expect soon to go to France.

Kindly remember me to Mr. Allison I had the
pleasure of meeting him at the Town Hall 18th Bata meeting
I cannot understand how he will miss his son, though
I am not with the 18th. I shall always feel an
interest in it. Kindly remember me to the ladies

With kindest regards kindest sympathy

Yours faithfully

Geo. Waller