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S.S. Yankulilla
Sydney

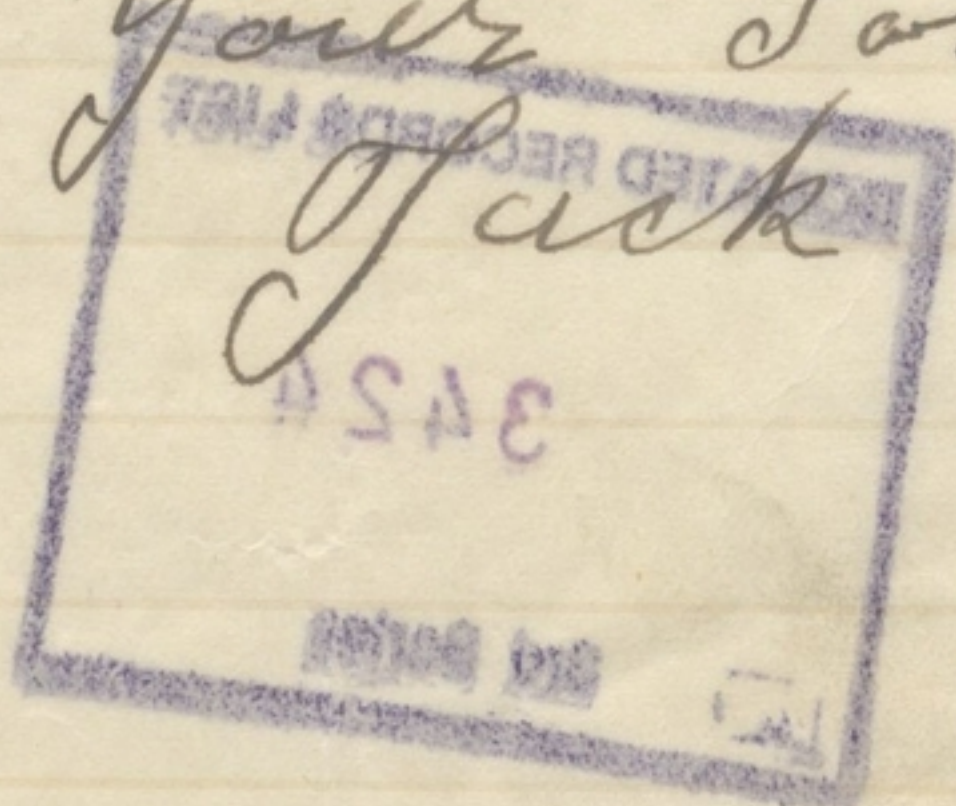
Dear Mother

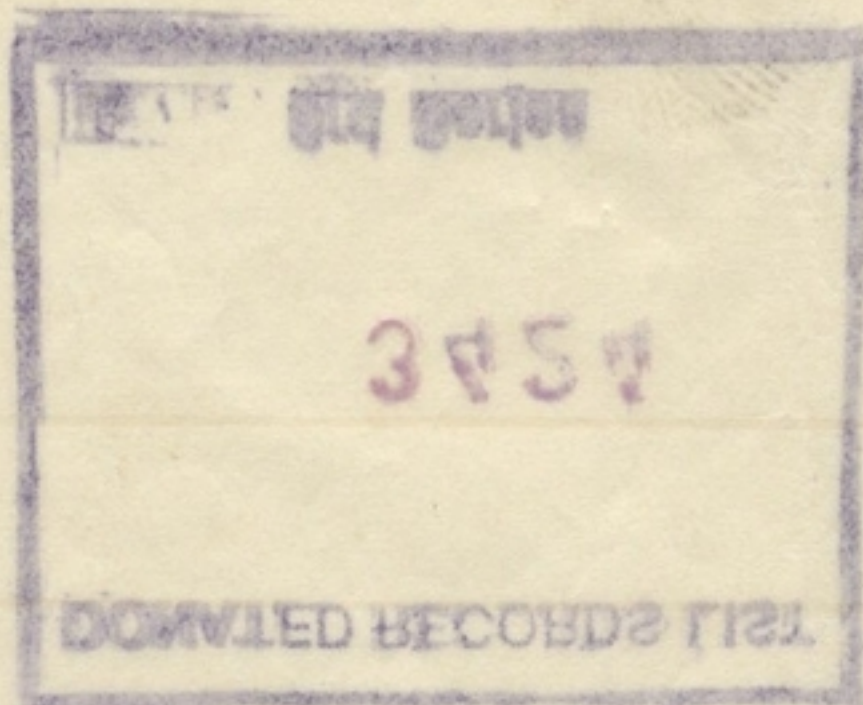
Just a line to let you know - that I am still alive and kicking I wrote you a letter a couple of months and I sent you three pounds I expect that you have got it by now Well Mother I had a row with the chief on the the Tarcoola and I finished up and I was out of work for three weeks before I gained this one You remember about that chap I named Jackson you know his his mother he is a bricklayer well he was working in Port Pirie but he could not stand the heat he was working on a new hall that they are building in Pirie so that he turned the job up and I got him a job on this ship I am on, he got a job trimming he is trimming to me for we are on watch together I don't think that he will follow this game up for he says that it is a

terrible lot heavier work than
bricklaying now Mother I am
sending you a P.O. for three quid
It is four years since I left home
How the time does fly but if
I can hang this ship down for
a twelve months I will have a run
home I am beginning to get tired
of this country I think that I
would be just as well sailing
out of home for the money is
getting bigger at home and the
money sharp goes out here Well
I think that this is all I have
to say except that I am keeping
well and I hope that you and
an Annie are keeping the same
so with love to you and Annie

I remain

Your Loving Son

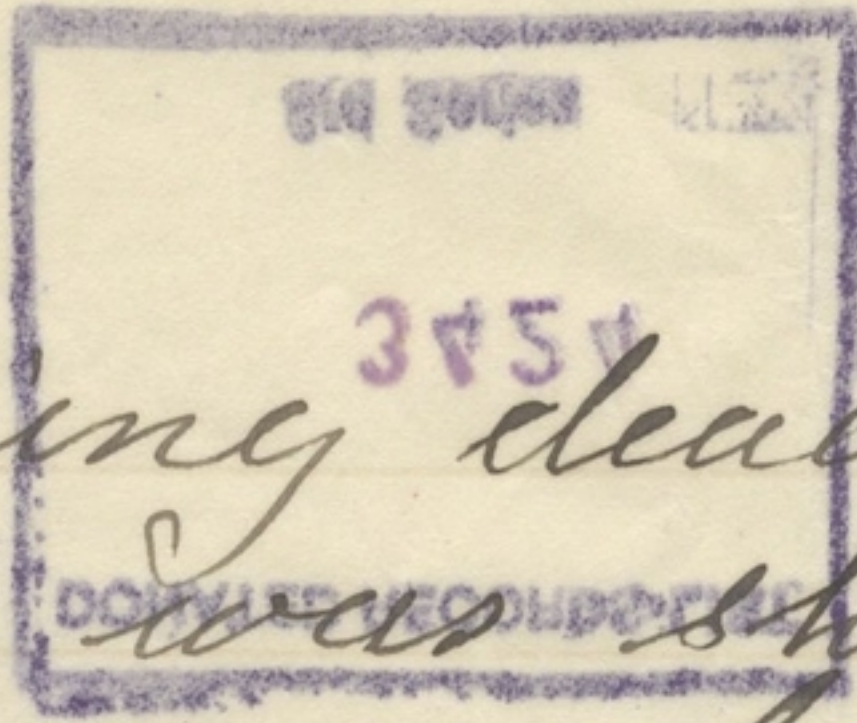




J. S. Jankella¹⁴
Melb.

Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know that we arrived here today Now Mother I have been in this ship about 2½ months so dont write any more letters to the Tarcoola write to the mission at Stockton Tell Annie that I got her letter all right and the 5 Woodbines but I did not get those that she sent to the mission at Stockton but I hope to get them this trip if the Customs have not stopped them Tell Annie that it was very good of her to send them and I will send her something later on Well Mother I hope that this will find you as it leaves me at present and that is in the best of health I have still got Jack Jackson along with me he is trimming to me he is getting on all right he knew about



his unkle being dead before I got
your letter I was showing him
round Melbourne last night he
was surprised to see such a fine
city for Newcastle on Tyne is
not a patch on Melbourne That's the
worst of you people in the old
country you all seem to think
that Australia is all bush land
but there are finer and more up
to date cities out here than a lot
of the cities at home Now you
were telling me in your last letter
that you had had Peggy stopping
with you Now Mother why dont
dont you have a bit of sense
about you and keep her out of
your house you should know by
now that what ever you did for
Peggy she would not have a good
word to say about you even if you
gave her your all and as regards
her talking about you you can
tell her that I will write ~~back~~
^{next} if I get home before she gets away

You were asking me if I ever
saw Will Balneaves Well no I
have not seen him nor have
I wrote to him for I just thought
that if he had wanted to get in
touch with me he could easily have
got my address from you but he
has never wrote to me so I have
not wrote to him it is very strange
that he has not been able to get
Peggy and ~~the~~ kids out before
now for I know lots of fellows who
paid half the fare and paid the
other half after they have got their
wives out and they have been
out inside of three months of
making the application in Melbourne.
but I suppose the sooner she gets
~~about~~ out of your way the sooner
you will be able to live in peace
and quietness I am going to try to
be home about June next year if
I can save a few quid by then
I know whether I think that this
is all at present so with love to
all at home

I remain

Your Loving Son

Jack * * *

P.S. I am sending you a money
order for three quid

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S. S. Yankalilla
Port Pirie

Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know that we arrived here today from Adelaide I have been in this ship now over three months now. I wrote a letter to you last month and one the month before and I sent these found in each letter I expect that you have got them by now. Well Mother I got a letter from Annie with your letters and she was telling me that you had been poorly but I hope that you are all right again by now. I wish you were keeping in the same sort of health as I am at present. I never felt better in my life before I got weighed last night and I went 12 stone 4 pounds so that is not a bad weight for a man working in the stokehole and doing plenty of hard solid work. I am going to try and hang this ship down for another

eight or nine months and then
I am coming home so see and
start looking your best for next
year for I am getting about sick
and tired of knocking about out
here and you know the old
saying that "Every bird likes
its own nest Best" so you can
look out for me next ~~month~~ year
even if I land home broke
Now Mother tell Annie that
I got her letters all right and
the Gazettes and I have just
got a letter from the bustons
to tell me that they have got
the box that ~~she~~ sent out
but I will get it when I get
to Newcastle this trip Jack
Jackson is still in the ship with
me Well Mother I will now draw
to a close with love to you
and Annie I remain

Your Loving Son
Jack

P.S. I am enclosing a P.O. for 3 quid

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S. S. Yankitulla
Melbourne

Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know that I am still alive and kicking I got your letters in Newcastle last trip and a photo from Annie You were saying that you had not received any of my letters well I have sent you 4 letters since I joined this ship and 12¢ altogether with this letter but I expect that you have received some of it by now Well Mother I am glad to hear that you are keeping better now for I am keeping in the pink of condition Tell Annie that I got her letter and photo all right and I am sure that she looks real well I have shown it to a lot of my friends and they say that she is very like me Now Annie was telling me that Peggy said that I had been writing to her Well I suppose you know different to that I would be Peggy for the only letters that I have wrote to the old country

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since I left were to you and Annie
for I have not even answered Sarah's
letters and for all the love that I
have for Peggy it would not be
worth the trouble of wasting your
writing paper over I wrote a couple
of letters to her when I was on
the Highington and that was the
only letters that I ever wrote in my
life to Peggy, and the only ones
that I am ever likely to write to her
If you had taken my advice in the
first place when I left and kept
her out of it you would not have had
her to worry you at all you should
know Peggy by now I'm hoping
that this will find you and Annie
in the best of health as it leaves
me at present

I remain

Your Loving Son
Jack

P.S. I am enclosing a P.O. for 3 quid
If there is any trouble with
the exchange with the Jackson
Jackson made the bank with
money order

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~~August 7~~ th 1914
14 Pertram Street
South Shields

My dearest Jack

Received your very kind & welcome letter & the money order for three pounds all safe & thank you very much I see by your letter that Australia is in a state of excitement about this war but Jack we have been in a terrible state here too for if the German's had got into England God help the British for they would have been treated worse than the poor Belgians for they have used them frightfully & destroyed their beautiful country but thank God that

they are getting well thrashed ^{now} the English & the French are taking it out of them they are driving them back they haven't got into Paris as they thought they would the wretches for where ever they go they are committing terrible atrocities but wait ere the Prussians gets to they will make ^{them} sure for mercy but they will ^{get} none the Brittes for the horrible deed that they have committed Germany should be wiped of the earth but our day is coming but England will be too lenient now my dearest Tom you were saying in your letter that you were going to come home to get a cut at the Germans well my son I can't blame you for feeling loyal for your country

now my dear son I am sending
you the papers but I dare
say that you will be getting
all the War news just as well
as us Peggy has not got away
yet the War is keeping her
back the Government is taking
the ships for transports but
I think that its another cause
I never see her now my dear
son hoping that you are keeping
well & that it wont be long
ere I kiss your dear face some
more With fondest love
from your ever
loving & affectionate
Mother

Good night & God Bless you
write soon
XXXXXX

but I hope & trust that by the
time that you get home that
England will be at peace once
more for its been a terrible time
I wish it was all over for I feel
worried to death Shields has
sent a lot of young fellows
to the War a lot of your old
school Lad are away & the
town is full of Soldiers I see
by the Papers that Australia
is sending a lot of men
& money flour & all sorts of
provisions so is New Zealand
India & Canada & Africa
the World is helping us
so England must be right
its the best thing that has
happened England for she
will not have Germany to
compete & cut her down with
her industries Let us hope so

Sept^r 3rd 1914
14 Barton Street
South Shields

My dearest Jack

Only a few lines Hoping that you are still keeping in good health as this leaves me at present but Jack England is in terrible trouble with this awful War God knows how it is all going to end it is to think about it, the ^{people} here are terrified for if the Germans got into England they will stick at nothing look at the terrible atrocities that they have committed in Belgium & they will

do worse here for they hate the English for ^{the part of France} we have been waiting for news since Sunday but there nothing yet I can tell you that its making the people very anxious we have already lost about 6000 soldiers & God knows how many poor souls will have gone by now what a lot of young fellows are enlisting Shields is full of soldiers & territorials they are guarding all the principal places & this place is full of German spies I heard today that Fisher of the Park Shop in Frederick has been caught sending carrier pigeon to Germany what do you think of naturalised British ^{too} subjects they want hanging it good for them they should be roasted alive the traitors & make

an example of them our navy
had a battle with the
Germans & they sank 5 of
their ships but you hope
that our fleet will be able
to keep the Germans out of
England my dear Jack
I am thankful that you are
away from here now but
I hope that this war will
soon be over & things go
quietly again for its terrible
to think on what might happen
but we will just live in
hope & trust for the best
I sent you some papers last
week & I am sending some just
now so that I hope that you
will get them but they will
be stale news when you get
them for you get all the news
in Australia but Australia

responding handsome to help
England but all countries are
down the same & good luck
to them for they that that
England is fighting a just
cause & surely to God the
right should win now my
dearest ^{Jack} I wonder if this
war will keep me from seeing
you again I hope not
but I will live in the hope
now my dear son I will have
to stop for I am brokenhearted
& I cannot settle I am worried
to death & I cant help it
now with love & best wishes
from your ever loving & affectionate
mother
Good night & God bless you
& take care of you ~~it~~ I
write soon for I feel crazy



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Dear Mother
Just a line to let you
that we are still in camp
yet, we are expecting to
get orders to leave at any
minute for the Old Country
I left you 4 Shillings per
day out of my pay we are
only to have 5 Shilling
per and one shilling per
day deferred pay they
has chopped our wages
down one shilling per
day so you can take two
shilling per day for
yourself and put two
Shilling per day in the
Bank for me for when

I come home from the war I
will be having a good holiday
I have made an order for my
wages to be made payable at
the Commonwealth Bank in
London so that you will have
no difficulty in drawing your
money. Your Mother I wrote
to the Mission at Stockton and
asked to have my letters all
forwarded on to my home
address at Bertland St Now there
will be one important letter
that I want you to take take
of for me ~~there~~ use some tickets
in the letter for the Tasmanian
Lottery and I might have a
prize in my numbers so take
care of them till I get home
Now either I wrote to you last
week telling you about that three
pound that the first Master
at Stockton was forwarding three
pound on to you Now either
I think that I will now draw
to a close hoping that this will
find you and Annie in good health
as it leaves me at present and
with love to you and Annie

I remain
Your loving Son
Jack

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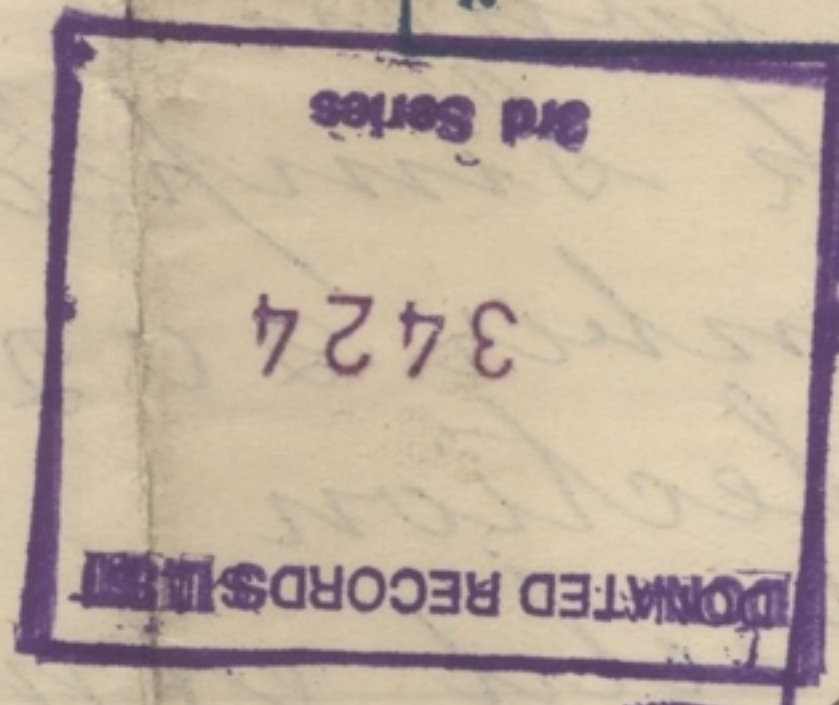
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Dear Mother
Just a line to let you know that we are still in camp We are expecting to leave at any moment for the Old Country the Transport Ships and the warships are in Fre-mantle waiting to take us away but there are about six German warships at large in the Pacific Ocean and I think that is what the war office out here is frightened of For it will be a great stroke of luck for the German Warships if they could sink the transport ships from here with the 20 thousand soldiers on board

Well Mother I have been in camp now
2 months I wrote you three letters and
I sent you three pounds besides that three
pounds that the post master in Stockton
N.S.W. sent on to you I am in the
Australian Army Medical bore and
my address will be when I get to England
will be Private Jack Simpson

Number 202

C. Section

3 Field Ambulance

Australian Army Medical bore

1st Australian Contingent

England

Now Mother I cant tell you exactly
when we are going to leave but I dont
think that we will be long now I think
that we are going to Aldershot when we
get to England so I will be able to come
up and see you pretty often before we go to
the front Now Mother I hope that this
will find you and Annie as it leaves
me at present and that is in the best
of health so give my love to Annie and
with love to yourself

I remain

Your loving son
Jack



The Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force

(W.A. CONTINGENT.)

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Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know that we arrived in Beers last week. We were 42 days on the trip and we had a very fine trip right through. We were camped about ten miles out of Cairo at the entrance of the desert. You can see nothing but sand, sand, sand. We have got two pyramids about 3 hundreds yards from our tents. It is a terrible long climb to the top of one of the pyramids. There is 100 thousand troops in this camp that is with English troops and Indians. They are expecting the Turks to advance on Cairo. They are building a light railway across the desert to reach Cairo.



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20. 12

I wish that they would hurry up and come for money today is getting important to have a shush up with the Turks I am afraid that when they do come they will get a pretty hot reception. when they do come they will find every man ready to fight them. Poor Mother from the 25 of October you should have been drawing 2/6 per day I am getting 6 shillings per day 5 shillings per day and one shilling deferred pay and I am drawing 1 shilling per day for pocket money and I am drawing you two shillings per day to you and I am having two shillings per day to my account in the Commonwealth Bank in London. The grub in this camp is in my lot. We have to buy nearly as much as they you would think that they were feeding a lot of sparrows



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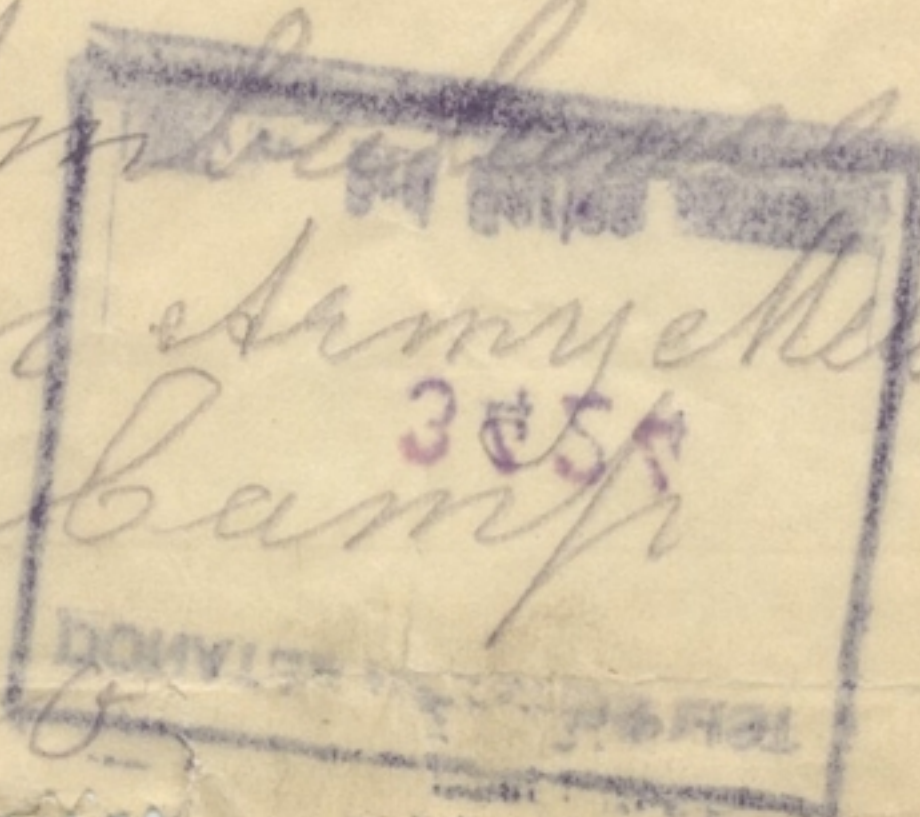
instead of hungry men now
altogether I hope that you and
Annie are keeping well for I
am keeping in the best of health
It will soon be Xmas and
a pretty miserable Xmas here
by the looks of things now
Mother I think that I will
now draw to a close hoping
that this will find you and
Annie in the best of health
and with Love to you and
Annie

I remain

Your loving son
Jack

P. S. My address is
Private Jack Simpson
C Section

3rd Field Ambulance
Australian Army Medical Corps
Mena Camp
Bairns





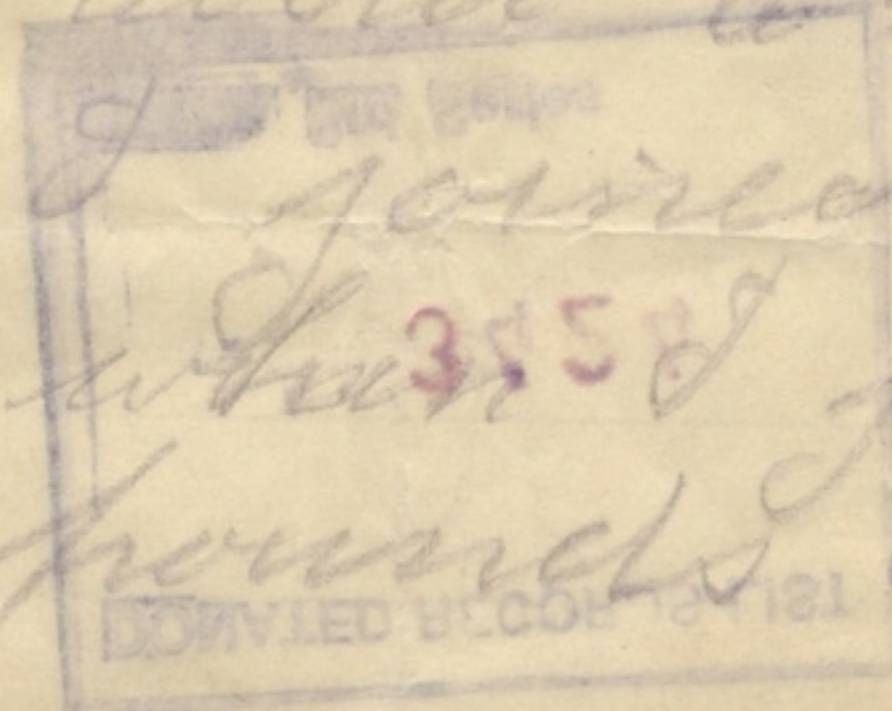
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(W.A. CONTINGENT.)

Xmas Day 1914

Dear Mother

Just a line to let you know that I am still in Cairo. It is Xmas Day today I was look forward to spending today in Shields but I was doomed to be disappointed I would not have joined this contingent if I had known that they were not going to England I would have taken the trip home and had a holiday at home then joined the army at home and went to the front instead of being stuck in the ungodly ^{holidays} hotel for all that you can see is band and drill from morning to night and the grub is very poor and not half enough of it I have lost about a stone in weight since I joined the contingent for what ³⁵⁸ I joined I went 12 stone 7 pounds and





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don't go near 12 stone now what
sort of a X was but you have at
least I suppose that everything
is pretty quiet on account of the
war ~~at~~ Mother when we left
Australia I made out a form
for to have you two shillings
per day all the time that I am
in the Australian army I hope
that you are drawing it all right
and I am having two shillings
per day put to my account in
the Commonwealth Bank in
London and I am drawing one
shilling per day for pocket money
and I have to spend it all on
groceries for we don't get enough
to eat You will be drawing
your money through the
Commonwealth Bank in
London so that I hope that
you are drawing it all right



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I made it over to Sarah Simpson and I am in the name of Jack Simpson here in the Section I hear that we are likely to move from here in about six weeks time and whether we will go to England or the Continent I could not tell you But I hope that we will go to England for I would give anything to have a run up to Shields to see you and Annie before I went to the front I see by the papers that the Germans have killed a lot of people in Hartlepool they were pretty close to Shields I hope that they dont get us near again for I would not like to see poor old Shields knocked about by the Germans



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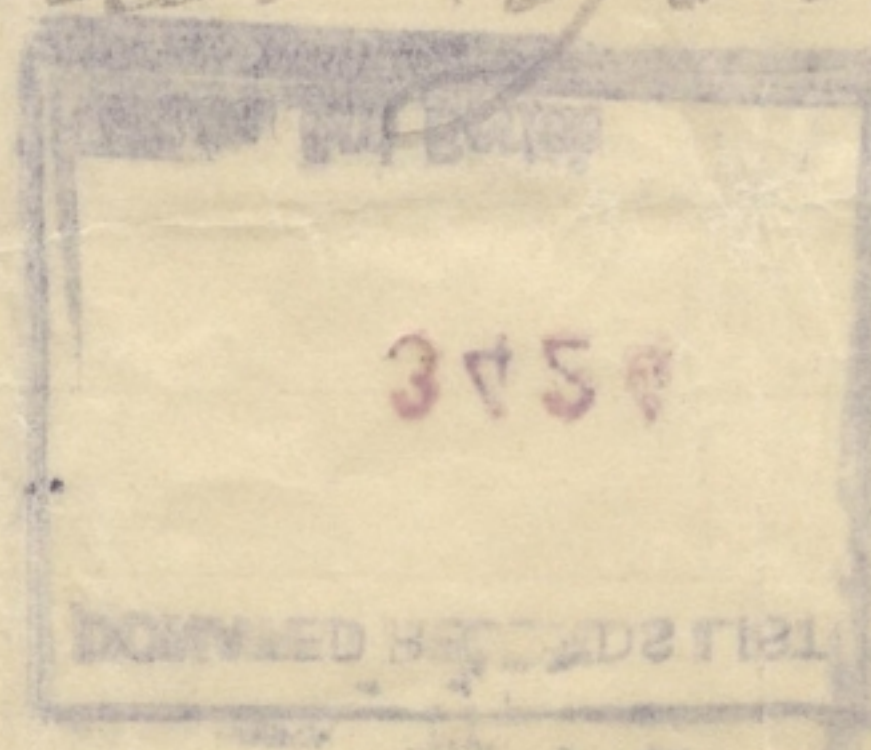
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but they will have to pay
the piper for it all up the
long run I would like to
have the pleasure of putting
a bullet through the damned
Old Kaiser for he is the start
of the lot. But it is just as
well for it to happen now for
it had to happen some time
Now Mother I hope that these
few lines will find you and
Eddie well as it leaves me at
present. So with love to you
and Eddie

I remain

Your loving son
Jack

P.S. I wrote you a letter last
week I hope that you got it
all right





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P. S. My address is
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