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COMMITTEE
FOR EGYPT
AND
THE NEAR EAST.

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Patr. W. Stewart

Reply to No. 2442 Coy 5th of Bat. 25th

7 Infantry Brigade

Stationed at

Egypt

14th Jan 1916

Dear Will,

I must scratch you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I should have wrote you sooner only I am kept going. however I have not forgotten you Will. I hope you are in the very best of health. I am just the same as usual, but I have not got a go at a lute yet, but am still hoping to get a "Dinkum" go soon, of course we don't know anything, or when we will move off from here. However the camp is quite a good one, one of the best in Egypt.

I had a very good trip over enjoyed it thoroughly. Now I would like a trip back very much Will. This country has behaved itself very well indeed. As regards weather I will the weather for winter is delightfull here, lovely warm sunny days & the nights are just a little chilly.

We have only had about - one half inch of rain since I arrived here (Nov 7th). so this is a fine weather country.

The farming here is done very well & all irrigated. The irrigation scheme here is really the best in the world. & at regular intervals the farms are flooded. The most of the farms now are quite green with a young crop of rice. & when I came here all the farms were full of a crop of Maize, just ready for pulling.

There is a lot of Maize, Cotton, Peanuts, Sweet potatoes, Sugar cane, rice & Lucerne. The sugarcane is hauled around the streets on barrows by the natives.

That the natives are born traders goes without saying. They are after one all day & night selling all sorts. I & Oscar Clarke (of Bullyard) looked up Tom Scott last night. We only found out where he was the day before, he is looking very well. We spent the evening together & had a talk over old gin gin. He showed me the P. Card he had received from you. Will I of course we were guessing whose boys they were. & we expressed the opinion that you ought to have told the names of the hopefulls. However Will I guessed the one with the wide open eyes was Mrs Loms Boy.

but Tom would have it - that - they were twins. Dave is in another camp down the line I have not seen him yet.

The parson is doing very well & has a nice easy job, he is for the "despatch riding" now at the hospital. I see him often & of course I go & have tea with him and his food is good & above minimum. I am living on sand, Cabbage water (commonly known as stent, but we soldier boys hate to tell lies so we call it - as we find it - Cabbage water.) Bread & jam, of course Will the sand is every where, in our food, Bed, Sox, & we sleep on it, walk on it - & work on it. The natives here are tricks & there is a great deal to tell you that I cannot write, & when it is told to one who has not seen it would scarcely believe it. I have had a good look around this part of Egypt & seen all the sights. There are some very fine photos to take about, that would make very fine Exhibition subjects. I have a vest pkt Kodak with me so I hope to have some good pictures to show you. now I must finish hoping you are all in the best of health & with the kindest regards & Best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Will.

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How are all the girls & boys? Give them
my kindest regards, Will, won't you.

Helioopolis Camp
16th Jan. 1915

Dear Billy

I haven't had any sport - Turkey
roasting yet, nor did we get much Turkey
for Xmas dinner, hope you got my last
letter alright, I wrote to Bernie telling him
how I came to be left here & of course
our crowd is back here now they are
with the Battalion, sixty five mile down
the line from Cairo, we haven't rejoined
them yet - but expect to do so at any time
now, this inaction here in Egypt is en-
ough to get on anybody's nerves & I
hope it won't be long before we get a
move on as I'm sick of it your photo
arrived safe, by Xmas those little beggars
look savage, somebody must have perused
them before you took their photos, I say
they must have been missing them surely
thanks for your Xmas & New Year good
wishes, I wish you a prosperous & happy
New Year, old chap remember me to all at
home, I hope to see Gin Gin again some
day & also visit Op Hill, I say we

had some pain here at ⁽²⁾ I was time we got
a shower on I was. & we & then some more
later on, I was in the air at the time
we were on picquet duties in there, the
town picquet we were called & our duties
were to keep order in there as well as we
could see that the chaps got out of
town after nine at night, of course the
picquet never interfered with a man unless
they thought he was incapable of going
home, the lot I was with was ^{at} I
Picquet & we were on in the early
morning, from six till ten o'clock we
didn't put many chaps in, only when
we were forced to, putting them in meant
putting them in chinks as George used
to call it, we were kept in there for
over three weeks although our unit is
only supposed to do seven days & then they
are relieved, well we saw a good bit of
the air while we were there, well old chap
I saw a schoolmate of mine the other
night, young Oscar & Larke from Bullyard
he is with the 5th of the 2^d & camped not

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far from here & Bill Stewart came over
with him, the Gin Gin photographer, he was
telling me that his brother (the parson) is
dispatch picking now, I was going in to
see him ~~last night~~ the night before last
(that is when they came over & we were
taking a stroll round the town) but they
wouldn't let the three of us into the Hos-
pital where he's camped for one pass & I
may happen to strike him some other
time he is camped in the Palace Hospital
of Helopolis. Billy Stewart & Oscar Clarke
both look well on it & Egypt must
be agreeing with them, I was pleased to see
them, as anybody from home is welcome, Bill
Stewart wished to be remembered to you as I
showed him the photo, I got a C mas parcel
the other day from a lady friend in Paris
not a bad little tart & it was very wel-
come. I can tell you, I say they have
some aeroplanes here now & it is a
novelty to see them flying round, they
can go at a fair rate too, the aerodome
is right against Helopolis here, well

I guess a sight ^{of} this place here is
worth coming a long way to see, that is
if a man is not kept here too long
Some of the native quarters in Cairo hum a
bit & I can tell you & we had experience of
it while we were in there on picquet the
place we used to patrol most in the morn-
ing was what is called (The Wassa) that
is where the flash women congregate &
~~where~~ we used to get most of the chaps
in the morning & the women there knew
the picquet well too & I can tell you as
they used to call us all the fancy
names they could think of & most of the
English they know is not in the dict-
ionary & from their way of talking the
picquet never knew who their father was
for that is the word they used most.
Well old chap I'll bring this to an end
hope this finds everyone well remember
me to Jack & Fanny & to Tom & B, die
also all at home, trust you're enjoying
good health, as I'm A.I.

I'm sending a programme of ever your sincere
the Heliopolis Music Hall. Y friend. J. Scott

at
I.A.G.H.
19th Feb 1946

Excuse this etc
as I am like many more
of the boys I could not find
anything paper
we had our things
all crumpled up
scribbled in a small
space in a bag &
do not always do a few
minutes to find
what we need. You say
this is the life. No
collars & ties or pins
furnishes.

Dear Will

I received both your letters some three weeks ago - They were only about a fortnight apart. I was very pleased to hear from you. I have not answered your letter sooner because I have been looking round for a few historical curios but have not yet completed the small parcel I intend sending to you some of these times. I hope you will not mind waiting for a while. I might send the parcel to Q land by a friend of mine who is being invalided home and he will post it to you. You say this is a wonderful place and so it is but a person really needs to see it to fully realise how wonderful it is. You know, there are so many things that are very ancient, and many modern that cannot be described exactly. I have been taking a little notice of some of the architectural, ornamental designs, colourings etc, which I think are really grand. Willie and a mate of his came along here yesterday and asked me if I could get time to go out with them which I did. We went through the zoo and returned to Cairns where we had some lunch after which they wanted me to take them round the city. They especially wanted to see a street with plenty of people so I took them up one street which they reckon never to forget. They found that they had to keep their wits about them or they would be knocked down and

run over by the natives carts etc. Some of the streets are so narrow that you would just get a cart along between the walls of the buildings. Some places the buildings have gone into ruins and have become a heap of debris which is inhabited underneath & partly rebuilt upon. It is nothing to see fowls & turkeys on top of a three or four story building. Sometimes you find sheep or goats up top. Some jewelers have a fine collection of Egyptian gems. I saw one collection the other day of 100 different kinds of polished gems & stones.

I think Egypt is looking its best at present. The weather is starting to get warm again now. There is a large amount of rice growing here which makes the fields appear quite fresh. We have had quite a number of wet days during the last three months. The rain is always very steady and sometimes very light. People who have been here for many years tell me they have never seen so much rain in Egypt before.

When a person is in Egypt a few days they get tired of it but that soon wears off and one begins to get really interested in it. There are quite a number of places I would like to see and will if the opportunity arises. Well ~~Will~~ I must close now hoping this finds you & all quite well with kindest regards

I am

your sincere friend
Robert Stewart

N^o 1611

92nd Robert Stewart

B. Section

15th Australian Field Ambulance

France

29th July 1917

Dear Will

It is quite a time since I wrote to you, nevertheless, I have not forgotten you but trust you will excuse me for being so long winded. I am afraid I cannot give any upright or worthy reason unless I say I have been suffering from an attack of indolence. You will see by the above that I have changed units. I succeeded in getting a transfer from the 1st A. G. H. after nearly two years. Rome was a most interesting town to be in. It has so many historical places to see, also a good museum and a good Art Gallery where one can easily pass away a few hours. I am sure you would enjoy such privileges immensely. Your old heart would very near jump out of your mouth with delight. The French Art is really magnificent, something to see and appreciate but very many of our boys do not avail themselves of the opportunity while there are others who would be only too glad of such chances but will never get them. Jeanne D'arc, Napoleon, Robert the Devil, Richard Coeur D'

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Lim and many more have marks about
Rouen which tell part of their history. They have
a crypt which was the first meeting place
of the Church of Rouen and dates back to the
early third century, the entrance to it now,
is through a modern church and down a
stairway under the choir stalls. In the crypt
they have four pet skulls on exhibition also the
ancient high altar and the Crucifix and Madonna,
also two tombs of ancient saints.

There is always something to look up if you follow
the history of the city and its surroundings.

The population is recorded as 10,480 in 1901
with some good sized towns in its close prox-
imity. It is the terminus of shipping on the
Seine, all ports higher up the river have to depend
on Barge & tug-boat as water transport. During
last winter there was a period when the river
was frozen and all traffic to Paris was at a
standstill except for rail.

I think a lot of the French but I have very
little time for the French people. They are even worse
than the Gippo's for money-grabbing, their morals
are deplorable and their sanitation is very
poor and in some cases nil, some villages
have no less than three cesspools which

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in some, if not all cases, supplies the
village stock with internal irrigation.

Amiens is a much larger city and appears
much newer than Rouen, it had a population
of 76,172 in 1901. It also has a fine art
gallery and a small museum, electric tram
etc. Albert was a town of 7,000 but is now
practically a place of ruins having been
within range of the enemy's guns. I did
not see much of Versailles but I thought it
a rather fine city. Population of about 340,000.

Hazebronne is another of the smaller towns of 9,000
or thereabouts it was absolutely free from any sign of
enemy designs until quite recently when he woke
up one evening about 7 o'clock and started
throwing things about and some reached this
town and hunted a lot of the people out into
the wet to find lodgings in other villages for
the future. I saw my first shell burst over this
town. So you can guess it is more likely
to be a heap of ruins than a prosperous town
in the near future. Our birds have been
on the wing considerably of late. I think they
must be laying over in Fritz's territory some-
where. I guess they make Fritz do a scatter
and take refuge under ground or elsewhere
till they have relieved themselves of their

burden of eggs specially prepared for human consumption. We sometimes think we are having a fairly rough time, what with air raids on Eng. Submarines, etc but I would not like to have the dose which he has to take with the "Allies Compliments". It must hurt considerably when the old war beast has to use human oil to drink with it to appease his thirst for human blood & life.

I was very sorry to hear that you had a fall from your horse while riding home in a storm. I hope you have not received more than animal injury and that you ~~are~~ quite recovered long before I heard of it. Jack Scott came up to our camp a fortnight ago. I had a good talk with him. He feels the loss of his brother very much, poor Jack. It must be very hard. He tried to find the grave but was not successful. He had not heard from Ted, Bonnie or Joe for a time. I hope they are still going strong. I hope these few lines find you all quite well. Kindest regards to ~~you~~ Allen and all the family including yourself.

Yours

Sincerely
Robert Stewart.

"Perham Downs", Hants, England..

August 20th 1914.

My Dear Friend..

Once again, I am dropping you a line or two, letting you know that I am well and that I am marked fit for Active Service, again. All going well, in a week or two, I will ^{be} over in France, or Belgium, having another dig at Fritz: I am sure He will be pleased to see me, and will, I suppose, as usual, greet me with a Shell just to show there is no ill-feeling.

While in Birmingham Hospital, I wrote you a fairly long letter, but I am afraid it has gone where most of the Mail bound for Australia, in May, went - to the bottom of the Sea..

Well Willie, I am taking it for granted that you know, that I came over here, suffering from Trench Feet, on the 25th April, so of course I have seen no fighting since, but I believe a lot of "Our District Boys", have had the bad luck to be killed or wounded, since, in the Messines Stunt, which took place in June.

I know Tom Scott was killed, near Buller's Wood; that is the last place that I saw any fighting.

I have heard rumours, concerning your Brothers, but as I don't know for sure, if they are correct, I'll not mention them. We hear all sorts of yarns, over here, you know. Some-one will come along & tell

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you one yarn about so - in - so, someone else will come along & tell you a different tale, so you dont know what to believe. I have written to your Brothers but so far have got no reply.

There are about a dozen of my 4th Regt & Bates here now, ready to go back to France. They were all wounded at Messines, & tell me I was terrible lucky to be out of it. Yes, no doubt, I have been lucky so far, considering the narrow squeaks I have had & then getting away from it all - getting over here to have a nice holiday, like I have had since I came to England.

No doubt, Willie, this is a Bonus Country in the Summer Time & I can assure you the People of England are very, very good to us, wounded & sick Soldiers, It would nearly be impossible to be treated any better, than I have been treated, since I came across. I might tell you that I thought I was in Heaven when I got into bed in Birmingham, after having a good bath, getting into clean comfortable clothes etc. & having a good meal, after the hardships & privations of life in Active Service.

From Birmingham Hospital, I went on 16 days furlough, spent in Scotland, London, & Suburbs, and I can assure you, I had a real ding-dong

time. Edinburgh is the place for a Holiday; it will do me anyway.

Kill Dear Friend. We are having very changeable weather here at present. One hour it's nice & fine, the next it's raining Cats & Dogs. People are afraid of the Potato crop being spoiled, on account of so much rain:

This is a great year for fruit, and needless to say I have had my share of it, and somebody-else's too. Haven't had to parade to the Quack for a No 9 since the Fruit has got ripe.

The General Opinion of the News, concerning the War, is, that it will come to a bubble, shortly, but whether this is correct or not remains to be proved. Anyhow, I know they are all fed up with it, & so am I, and sincerely hope that we will all be home for Xmas; "but doubt it."

News is scarce, Dear Friend, so I will have to ring off for the present. Hoping this finds you, & all the Allen Family, Well & Happy.

With best wishes

From your Sincere Friend

Kindly remember
to all at home.

1918 GIN GIN. *James*

(From Our Representative.)

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

At the Gin Gin Police Court, held on Thursday before Messrs. C. M. Morris and B. Apple, J.J.P., two young men were arraigned in answer to serious charges preferred against them by the local police. A. C. Bailey was charged with unlawfully inflicting grievous bodily harm to one, Wm. R. Johnstone, also with unlawfully assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty. Wm. G. Bennett was charged with using obscene language, also on a second count of having obstructed a police officer in the execution of his duty. Evidences of arrest was tendered by Constable C. Howie, and the bench indicted a fine of £1 or seven days imprisonment on the defendant Bennett for the use of obscene language, and on the second charge remanded the defendant till the 15th. instant, bail being allowed at personal security £10, with one surety of a like amount. On both charges the defendant Bailey, was also remanded on bail, till the 15th. instant, the amount fixed being £10 personal, and one surety of £50.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Wm. R. Johnstone, the well-known settler of Neerum Creek, was admitted to the Gin Gin Hospital on Wednesday evening, in a semi-unconscious state, and suffering from injuries, allegedly received in an unfortunate fracas that had occurred. The nature of the injuries, we understand, include a fractured jaw. Later advices are to the more cheerful effect that the patient is improving, under the skillful treatment of Dr. M. Sanderson, and the attention of the hospital nursing staff.

FURTHER SHOWERS.

Showers are again the frequent order of the day (also the night), each successive visitation increasing in volume. During Wednesday night, the Burnett River started rising again, at a slow rate, and the performance has been maintained until this (Thursday) evening.

GOONDOON-KALLIWA LINE.

Considerable interest of a most pleasing nature is being evinced, in the reports to hand of an early resumption of the construction of the Goondoon railway line. A rumour has gained free currency that gives colour to the reports, to the effect that truck loads of building material and tools of trade have arrived at the Goondoon station. We have sound reason for presuming that a spell of fine weather will bring about a definite movement towards achieving the devout desire of the district, and bearing with so much importance on the prosperous progress of the industries therein.

Pantomimes were originally representations by gestures and attitudes among the Greeks.

Feb. GIN GIN. 1918.

(From Our Representative.)

THE WEATHER.

At time of writing conditions are similar in effect to the existing conditions of previous weeks, namely, threatening to showery, with a very definite, humid, muggy, atmosphere, pronouncedly predominating. The month of January just ended was successful in recording 13.78 inches of rain, as per observation recorded at the local Post Office. Getting well away from the barrier, the current month placed 158 points to its credit in the first two days what it will ultimately achieve before concluding its innings, is subject matter for subsequent pen effusions. At present the country is well soaked, and there is already provided the assurance of a prolific season, which after all is said is consummation of our desires.

HOSPITAL MEDICAL OFFICER.

Dr. Murray Sanderson, the recently appointed Medical Officer to the Gin Gin District Hospital, arrived by Saturday's mail train, and has since taken up his professional duties. In extending a cordial welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Sanderson to the Gin Gin district we trust that their stay will be both a profitable and pleasant one.

WAR SAVINGS GROUP.

The third monthly allotment of war savings certificates as controlled by the War Savings Group in operation in the district, will be decided by ballot on Saturday evening next, at the Girls' Patriotic Club Social at the Oddfellows' Hall. Subscribers kindly note that monthly subscriptions paid to Mr. A. D. Eastaughffe, will entitle them to a chance in the ballot for certificates.

GIRLS' PATRIOTIC CLUB.

The usual monthly meeting of the above club was held in the School of Arts, on January 31st. There were present Mrs. Drane (President) Misses M. Walker, H. Walker, M. Gallagher, L. Gallagher, L. Wales, D. Rowntree, E. Wilson, and Secretaries (H. Rodwell and A. Carvell). After the usual business was gone through, it was decided to hold a tin afternoon, also social and dance, including an advertisement competition with refreshments, in the Oddfellows' Hall, on Saturday, February 9th next, the tin afternoon commences at 3.30 and anything suitable for export will be very acceptable. Musical items will also be rendered and all returned soldiers are cordially invited; admission for the social is, Gents 1/6, ladies 1/ and children /6. As this entertainment is in aid of Soldiers' Sock Fund, and the appeals for socks are very numerous, it is hoped that weather permitting, a large attendance will be present, and so help this worthy fund. It was also decided that similar socials be held on the second Saturday of each month, and the Oddfellows' Hall has been engaged for same. The meeting then terminated with the National Anthem. The next meeting of the club will be held on Thursday February 28th next, all members are asked to attend.

GIN GIN. *Jan 1918*

(From Our Representative.)

THE WEATHER.

Further rains are being experienced this week, the spell of finer conditions which was in evidence during the latter part of last week, succumbed to the all conquering influence of the prevailing wet season. On Monday morning last, when steady rain again set in. Notwithstanding a gentle fall, the rain continued throughout the day and night, easing up about 8 a.m. on Tuesday, the registered fall being at 9 a.m., 73 points, while for a similar period Wallaville recorded 60 points. Cloudy and muggy conditions supervened throughout Tuesday, with further rain at intervals, the afternoon on the whole being wet. Although the continued damp conditions are decidedly unpleasant the view generally accepted is that local conditions are decidedly rosy, compared with the appalling distress experienced in other parts of the State.

SHOW COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the 1918 Show Committee was held at the Shire Hall on Saturday, January 19th. There was a good attendance of members present, a fair amount of preliminary business dealt with. The dates fixed for the Show are: June 5th and 6th; and notification was received that the Gin Gin A.P. I. Society have been granted the privilege of allotting the C.C.S. Championship in the Wide Bay District, for a period of five years. At all times there has been a keen competition in the class covering the C.C.S. exhibits, and this further addition to the prize-list, carrying the coveted honour of a championship will no doubt, add still more to the interest displayed, and serve to make the cane section a still more attractive feature of the Gin Gin Show. The Society are to be congratulated on having as its President this year, such a sterling and enthusiastic worker as Mr. S. N. Innes, whom we are all pleased to see again fulfilling the position, that he has on previous occasions filled so creditably and satisfactorily to all concerned.

STATE INSURANCE.

The State Government Insurance Office in extending their operations throughout the State, have completed arrangements for a local agency. The appointed local agent, Mr. J. W. Howatson, will be pleased to supply information relative to fire, personal accident, or life insurance, and transact business in any of these departments, with clients eager to avail themselves of the economical proposals put forth by the State Insurance Office.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

A ballot by post to elect a councillor to fill the vacancy in No. 1, and No. 4 Divisions, of the Kolan Shire Council, will close on Monday morning next February 4th, at the Gin Gin Post Office, at 8 a.m. The candidates for No. 1 vacancy are Messrs. Geo. Handley and W. A. Murray, the former having been a member of the Council for a number of years, retiring from the position, to proceed to the fighting line as a member of the A.I.F. Mr. Murray, though a new aspirant for Council honours, is well-known throughout the district, and enjoys a widespread popularity that will be a prominent factor towards making the contest a close one. The No. 4 Division vacancy is being contested by retiring councillor E. H. Weller, and new blood in the person of Mr. E. Algeof Goondoon, in this instance also the fight for coveted honour promises to provide a close finish.

SHORT'S PICTURES.

Saturday night last saw a crowded house at the Oddfellows' Hall, the attraction being the fulfilment of a desire on the part of amusement patrons, to see a real good show. Those who went with that desire were in no ways disappointed, for the program submitted was certainly par excellence to anything previously shown in the locality. A very lengthy program of excellent films were screened, from Bret Harte's well-known story of American mining life, entitled, "M'liss." The Topical Budget and comedy sketches were received, with much favour. Next Saturday night will see a change of programme, it being the intention of the management to run a weekly show in Gin Gin.

AT REST.

The interment of the body of the late Mr. Wm. Lewis took place at the Gin Gin Cemetery on Wednesday forenoon, the Rev. J. N. Steer, Vicar of St. Mary's, reading the last sad rites. The funeral was attended by a large gathering of sorrowing friends also including the bereaved relatives of the deceased. By the demise of the late Wm. Lewis, the grim hand of death has severed another connecting link with the early day associations of the district. Deceased had for a great number of years been a prominent settler in the Moolboolaman districts, following the grazing industry with a pronounced measure of remunerative success. He leaves a widow, one son, Mr. T. W. Lewis, a well-known figure in the Gin Gin and Moolboolaman districts and two daughters, Mrs. A. W. Lund and Mrs. J. J. Head, of Gin Gin, to mourn their sad loss, and to whom the sympathy of the whole community is extended in their bereavement.

GIN GIN CENTRAL MILL

GROWERS' MEETING.

A meeting of cane suppliers to the Gin Gin Central Mill was held at Comonju School, on Monday afternoon, when upwards of 30 growers were present. Mr. Chas. English occupied the chair. Rain fell throughout the afternoon, preventing many from attending.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs. C. W. Thiele and W. R. Stone.

The correspondence was received on the motion of Messrs. G. H. Wadsworth and Stone, and included letters from the Secretary Central Cane Prices Board, advising that nominations for the local Cane Prices Board should be made now, and from Harry T. Easterby, of the Bureau of Sugar Experiment Stations, with reference to certain manures, advising cane-growers to have analyses made.

The main business for which the

meeting was called, was then proceeded with, viz., the selection of candidates for growers' representatives on the Local Cane Price Board. Mr. P. Pape moved that Mr Jno. Laurison and G. Powell be the growers' representatives for the Gin Gin Mill Local Board. This was seconded by Mr. C. W. Thiele. Mr. G. L. Hayward moved as an amendment that Jno. Laurison and J. C. Maughan be the representatives. J. Laurison seconded J. C. Maughan's nomination. Mr. Stone nominated Chas. English, but the latter declined nomination. The amendment was lost and the motion carried.

Mr. Powell moved that growers' representatives be empowered to endeavour to have it embodied in the award that preference be given to those growers having frosted cane, to have it harvested before deterioration sets in. Mr. Pape seconded, and it was carried.

On the motion of J. Laurison and G. Powell it was resolved that it be an instruction to the growers' representatives, in case any cane should come over the Mount Perry railway to be transhipped at Tookie Siding, for the Gin Gin Mill that to put these suppliers on an equal footing with the rest of the suppliers the cost of the transshipment, be considered as cost of manufacture. Other instructions to growers' representatives were—To oppose any departure from the present system at the Gin Gin Mill of making one analysis of every 15 tons of cane and to oppose any grouping of suppliers for the purpose of taking samples for analysis.

Re the matter of arranging for the probable visit of the State Treasurer to the district, in response to the request of the protest meeting held in Gin Gin. Mr. Powell moved: "That the Executive Committee make the necessary arrangements to entertain the Treasurer while here and that the secretary be instructed to make arrangements with regard to motor-cars for the purpose of taking Mr. Theodore for a run round the district."

Bovington Camp
Dorset.

Dear Hillie

I am dropping you a line, as promised, to let you know that I have arrived in England, after a very ^{pleasant} journey over; The only bits of rough weather we had, ^{were} in the Great Australian Bight, and a storm which we ran into one Sunday night, about a week's sailing off the coast of West Australia; It was a fairly rough one too, as it drove our Boat a long way off her course. I was'nt the least bit sea-sick all the way over, a thing that is rather unusual for a chap that has never been on a boat before. On the way over we called in at Sydney, where another Unit came on board, also at Durban, Capetown & Dakar. We had 2 days off at Durban & 4 at Capetown, having a good look round; a thing that we appreciated very much after being stuck on the boat for something like 4 weeks. Durban is a very big shipping place; there we^{re} dozens of Boats in, taking Coal, etc, when we were there. It is fitted up with a marvellous Coal Loading Apparatus; They can load a Boat with Coal, while you are saying Jack Robinson. The Rick-Shas in Durban amused us very much; perhaps you know what they are, but if not, I will try to give you an idea. As near as I get to describing ^{them}, in a few lines, is that, they are little rubber tyred subkies, in which big

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buck niggers pull people, about the town, ~~is~~. The niggers are dressed in a little, short pair of trousers, a singlet and a comical sort of Head Gear, in which most of them have a great pair of horns. The majority of them have their legs painted red, while the little clothes they wear are made of the showiest kind of material. Altogether, they look hideous creatures, as they go racing down the street, yelling & jumping up the air, with their passengers seated comfortably in the sulky. The track is a beautiful sight, especially at night time, when it is lighted up with all different coloured lights; It cost a big sum of money to make it what it is. The population of Durban is mostly black, while Capetown is a very much whiter town. The scenery around ~~town~~ Capetown is beautiful. There is one particular tram ~~ride~~ (Camps Bay) which goes out one way and comes ^{back} the other. It ^{is} travelling all the way out, at the foot of Table ^{Mountain}, and right along the beach, on the return ^{journey}, it is dodging about ~~between~~ the mountains all the time. On this tram you see scenery worth seeing, I can tell you. At Dakar we just anchored out in the harbour, got a gun on board & left again. In the English Channel we ran into a very heavy fog; the fog horns were continually blowing but ^{we} got through it all right and landed at Plymouth on Friday Evening the 13th October; from Plymouth we travelled all night in the train, reaching Wool about daylight in the Morning. This Camp is about 3 miles ~~from Wool.~~

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Well Dear William; I have just returned from London, where I spend 4 days leave. It is, no doubt, a large city, but very old fashioned. For comfort & smartness, it can't hold a candle to Brisbane. I was all through Westminster Abbey, where I saw the graves, of Oliver Cromwell, Queen Elizabeth, Mary Queen of Scots, and many other, leading lights of the olden days; House of Lords & House of Commons, Tower of London and many other very historic old buildings. In all these places are Guides, who show & explain everything to you. The Tubes (underground electric railways) are very handy; you can travel to any part of London in these in very quick time. Of course you know all the towns in England are in darkness at night-time on account of the German Raids, so consequently it is not too nice at night. The women, over here, drink just the same as the men; it seems so funny to us Australians to see the ladies holding up their joints of beer and saying, "here's luck," in the Hotel Bars. London & all the other big towns are simply swarmed with girls; all the men having gone to front. Well Dear Will, the general opinion of the war over here, is that it will go, a long time yet. The weather is getting very bad; it is continually raining, and also getting very chilly. I met Herby Shean in London, he has been under an operation for appendicitis, but is real well again now. He has been at the front you know, and helped to carry Wilfred Lynn in, when he got wounded. So far I have not

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struck any more chaps I know, but will, very lightly, in a few days, as I believe we are getting shifted to Salisbury Plains. So far, I like England all right, but can't say it's better than Sunny Queensland, there's no place like home you know. I am sending you a few Post Cards of the Bloody Tower, which may interest you. Now, Dear Friend, I will now ring-off. Hoping this finds you & all at home in the best of health as I am at present:

I remain
your sincere friend
P. J. Killeen

Kindly remember me to all at home and if you care to drop me a line I will only too pleased.

This is my address

Kindly excuse scribbling & mistakes which I know are numerous.

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I daresay your boys will soon be leaving if have nt already done so