



H. M. A. S. Sydney

Grand Fleet

G.P.O. London

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Dear Miss Mitchell.

Last night I received a parcel from my Mother, and in it was two pieces of clothing from the Rhynie Red Cross Society. I found in a pair of socks an Address and Name of person who knitted them. Well I was very pleased to received them and allow me to say, "Please," that they are very nice and well knitted, and especially for a little Girl of eight as the note tells me you are. This is the second pair I have received and it has given me great pleasure to do so. I am sure the Boys from Rhynie who ^{are} in France will welcome with the greatest of pleasure any such comforts. You hope the receiver will be spared to wear them, "Thank You," it is very kind of you to say that, But I hope also to be spared to return and "thank you," in person, and not by letter alone. We are all looking forward to the end, so that we can return to the sunshine, which we love, and which we cannot get over here, though England has some lovely picturesque ancient place which ~~is~~ so nice to see, and which we go and see when on leave. Last Sunday I went to see a Riverton Boy who is in an Australian

hospital in Dartford, there are several South Australians
Boys up there. They are all well satisfied with things,
but like us they would all love to be back in the
sunshine again, and will be glad when they are, we
often say, when once out there, it will take some shifting
to get us to take up arms again, but we would ^{be} just
the same as we did when this started, I expect. If I
am not mistaken you live between Riverton and
Rhynie, and your Father has a farm, when I first got
the note the name was familiar, but I could not
place it, But I think I have it correct. I hope you
will not be disappointed because the socks did not
reach a soldier, but sailor instead, you see we are not
allowed to say too much, for silence is one of our
big weapons in time of war. I will close ^{now} with
Many Thanks, and Kindest Regards.

I am

Yours Sincerely,
Roy Payne.



Miss Marjorie Mitchell

c/o Mr C. Mitchell.

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