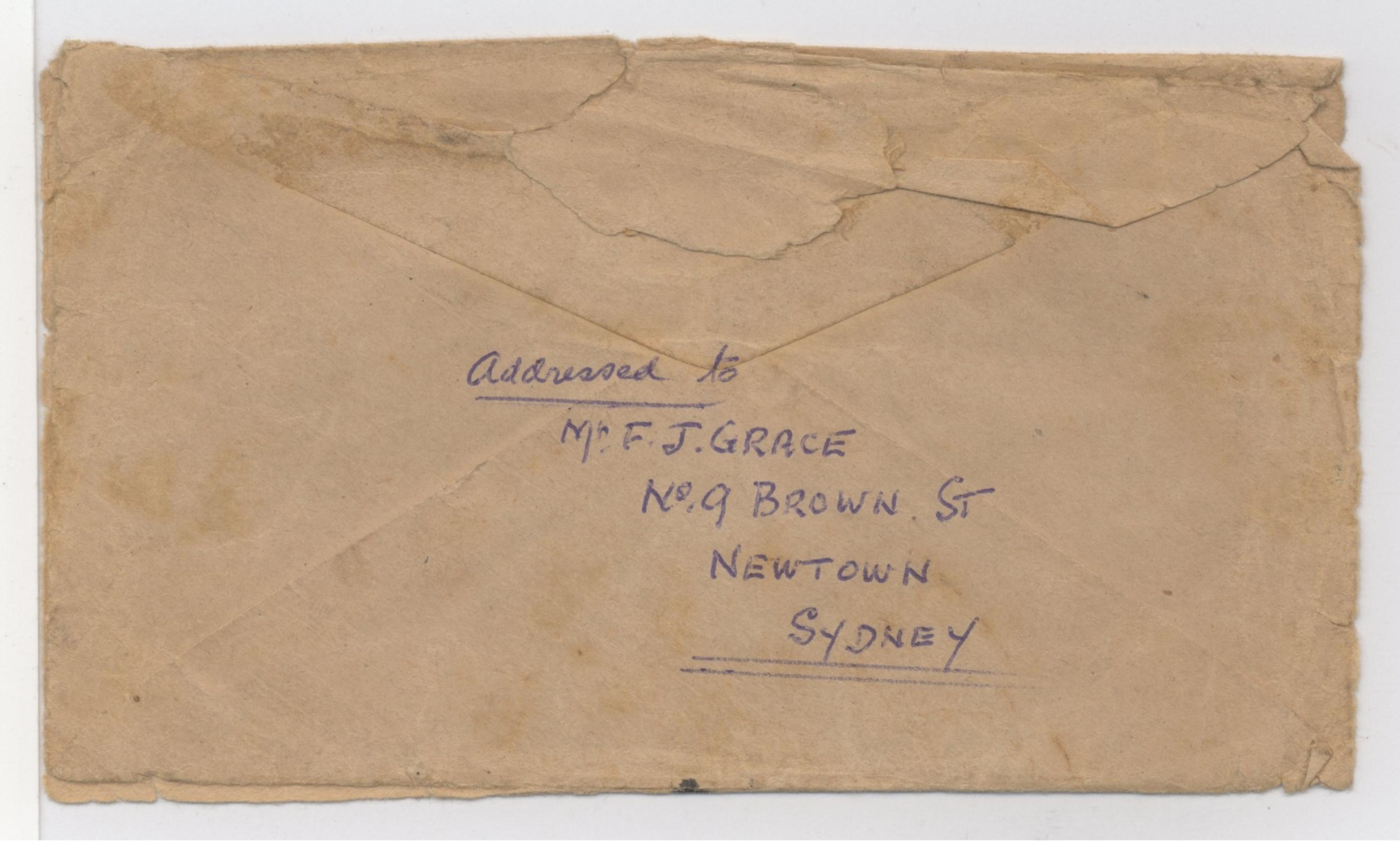


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Lonely Pine Gallipoli August 26th 1915

Dear Fred,

Your most welcome letter to hand this week. Also one from our old friend Will Hopkin. Pleased to hear from you both. Well we have been having a very hard time for the last four months and still fighting hard to keep our end up and until we get many more thousands of troops here I don!t suppose we will get any relief. As they can't give us a spell while there is a battle on, and we have been battling ever since we have been here, Johnnie Turko has been trying to drive us into the sea. But as we don't care about it we still hang on for our dear life to what we have fought hard for just a few miles of Gallipoli. The Turko is a good fighter and is very fair towns he is game and Brave and very cool he will face a bullet with no trouble but Johnnie Turk does not like the Bayonet. If you can get close enough to him he will go for his life. I suppose you have heard of our great victory on August 6th. The taking of Lonely Pine. No doubt the papers are full of it by now. Well we charged their trenches after a heavy bombardment of shell fire. 3rd Battalion lead the charge which we successfully captured Lonesome easily, but not till we had very heavy losses. We suffered most only to be expected. But we gained the trenches and they are beautiful trenches the German and Turk can show us something how to build trenches in modern warfare. We are still holding their key position and refuse to be driven back despite their many counter and bomb attacks during the nights. But we just bomb them back and drive them off. They are as close as five yards to us in places at the Pine. We also captured over one million rounds of ammunition over there. It was a great charge. Our boys replied to a man at the signal given. Over the top they went with a rush of fully 60 yards to the Turks trenches under machine gun, shrapnel, rifle fire. Some of the unfortunates were knocked. Blown all over the place. But we keep going. Some had further to go than others. But once in the trenches and our men to work with the bayonets poor Johnnie. We took prisoners where we could others had to take their chance as we had to push on and there was some gruesome sights. But a tot of Rum at midnight steadied our boys a lot. What was left of them? We had the 4th and 2nd Battalion on our flanks. They both copped out badly. Well Fred I have managed to live through it all. I must have a charmed life I think. I took my platoon over the top with the first batch and hardly lost a man and I took some risks. I have had plenty of promotion and responsibility since we have been here. I am now 1st Lieut. in charge of a Company and expect to get my Captaincy before long. You say the Lodge is sending me some smokes, well Fred thank them very kindly from me for their kind gift, but ask them could they not send some men. Men we

want, men we must have, or I don't suppose I will come home to you people for a long time to come. I was slightly wounded on the knee with a piece of shell, but not out of action and I would not have my name in the paper as wounded for fear of worrying my wife or people. I bet they worry enough now. What will they think when they get this casualty return. Well Fred, could go on writing for a week about these things but must now ring off. Remember me to all the dear kind friends. Tell them I am well and hope to see them again if spared to come home and enjoy a good holiday. I got a mention in dispatches again in this recent attack. So I will now conclude wishing you and your wife and two soldier boys the best of good health.

Sincerely yours - Bill Perce.

Lieut. P.W.W.

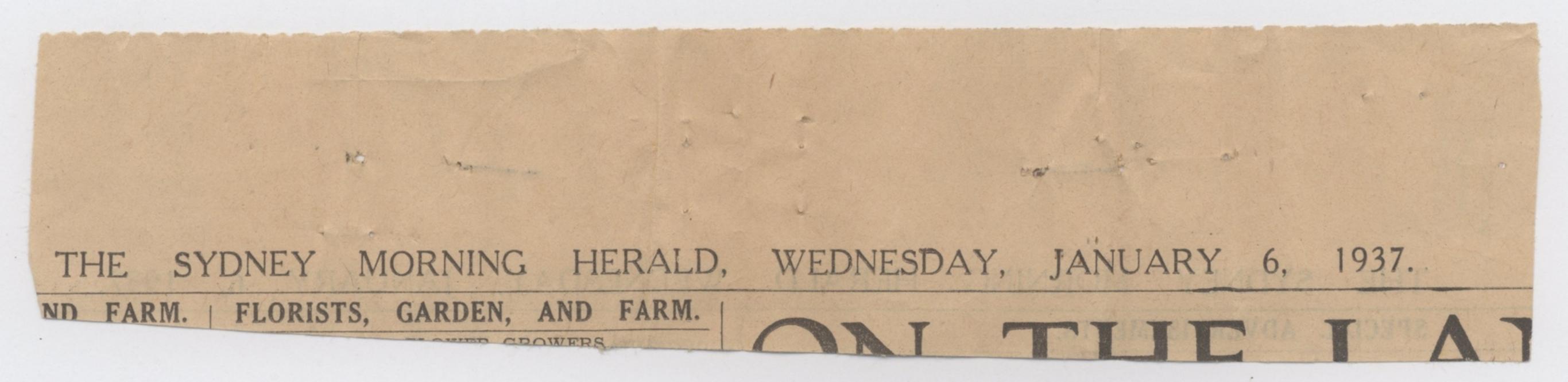
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WOODS.—January 5, 1937. Lieutenant-Colonel Percy William Woods, D.S.O. (Bar), M.C., late Commanding Officer of 55th Battalion, A.I.F., dearly loved husband of Donnie Woods." WYNNE \_\_ December 20 1000

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