



Helioopolious
Camp.
16th May 1915

My dear Mater

Received your more than
welcome letter of 8th April yesterday. I am
pleased to know that the drought in Victoria
has broken at last, also pray that you will have
a run of good seasons, with no limit of prosperity
for the future. We left Mena Pyramids Camp about
a fortnight ago, Helioopolis is the only real nice
Suburb of Cairo, we are Camped about 5 miles
from Cairo can go in to town from here by electric
trams for one P. t. $\frac{1}{2}$ - Well dear Mater you
will know all about the fighting of our Infantry
Australians at the Dardanelles and how gloriously
bravely they acted when landing from the boats
under heavy shell fire & how they swept the Turks
out of the trenches when they got ashore, our
honour death roll is high of course it was impossible
to be otherwise, there will be severe fighting there
during the next few months - The Light Horse
are all leaving leaving horses here and going
as Infantry. A Squadron of our Regiment left



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Last night, B. & C Squadrons to go in three days time - We may not return to Egypt again for our horses, they may be shipped to Turkey for us when that show is over, we are all glad to get away to the fighting line, I am confident that our record will be a glorious one, as the 4th Light Horse Regiment is good & will strike hard under any conditions - Well mates dear rejoice no matter what happens death or glory I am placing full trust in the Lord, so you know it is quite alright with your wandering soldier boy - This is Sunday we had probably our last Church Parade for Egypt Col Forsyth conducted the service he is splendid he has all our hearts, sad to say he is leaving us in a day or two to take over a higher Command & now Col Hong will again Command us. I am in usual good health & spirits, however we have had a real good time here in Egypt it has been more than interesting Now dont smile mates dear I must break off to go & meet some of Cairo's fair ladies to ~~take~~ ^{take}



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To take them through the Hospital here as the ladies desire to cheer up our wounded lads and distribute gifts of books & a few other luxuries ect.

Do you know what our Chief Col. Forsyth is always saying that nobody ever has a chance at all with the ladies when yours truly is on hand - Lieut. McLeish had bad luck the other day got kicked on the leg by a horse on Parade, will have to leave him behind with the horses, however he is getting along alright will be fit in a week or two

Oh I glad to hear that Nellie got table cloth alright and is pleased with it, I have sent another you should get it before you get this letter, it is a beautiful piece of hand work in my humble opinion, & I hope you see that Nellie has it in use on Strathearn dinner table on many festive occasions, my wish mother darling - must conclude to catch mail



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Well I have no doubt that we will
all have to face some hard fighting
before long - I am sure of one thing and
that is we will all do our duty with
zeal and pleasure whatever or however
it comes along, we will strike hard
and trust in the Lord.

Good bye for the present
with love & all good wishes to each
and all at Strathearn with kind greetings
to all old friends the same to Tom
if he is still with you.

Fondest love & affection mother
Dear Tsoers always the same

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Mrs Mayfar
Strathearn
Longwood



From
Major R.C. Mayfar V.C. Victoria
4th B. Horse.

Australia

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10-6-16

My dear Nellie

Received your nice welcome letter of 18th April - Well dear old girl I am awfully sorry for you I know what a hard time you have had you have my deepest sympathy I took three days leave & went up to Cairo for a trip last week, had a very good time, this was the first time that I have been away from my Command since leaving Victoria I think I held record for continuous service. I miss darling mothers nice kind letters very much I got a letter from Edmund by last mail I will write to him a little later on, It is fairly hot here some days 120° in the shade, when we get the wind from the North coming from the Mediterranean sea it is always nice & cool, the nights are cool so one can always sleep alright. We are still doing mounted Patrol work there is one Squadron of the 4th L.H. Camped at Ismalia on the Canal, I intend

riding in to see them & will dine with them this evening, I think two Squadrons of the 4th have gone to France, I think Col Hong & his staff sailed for there yesterday. It is very sad how Kitchener's end is it not, a big loss to the Empire.

I hope poor old Emm & Ken are getting along alright. send them my love & good wishes when you write to Emm. I had a nice letter from her Aunt in Ireland Miss Cairnes a few months ago.

I hope you are having a mild winter. You must go for a good long holiday in the Spring a change would do you the world of good, Connie Steyburn would gladly take you with her for a trip over to Tasmania. Lieut. Fay who is with me here sent along the Europa Gazette with a full account of Major Tubb V.C. welcome home at Hongwood, I hope Tubbie has ballast enough to carry success he had wonderful luck getting his Majority whilst on sick leave in England.

Well will conclude with
& Affection Yours always
Sincerely Res.