Heliopolis Camp
16th May 1916

My dear Mater,

Received your more than welcome letter of 5th 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, Heliopolis 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 Pt. ½d. — 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 and 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 here during the next few months - The Right Horse are all leaving leaving horses here and going as Infantry. A Squadron of our Regiment left
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 mater dear rejoice no matter what happens death or glory I am placing full trust in the hand. So you know it is quite alright with your wandering soldiers 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 don't Smile Mater dear I must break off to go + meet some of Cairo's Fair Ladies to.
to take them through the Hospital here as the ladies desire to cheer up our wounded lads and distribute gifts of books and a few other luxuries etc.

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—Ructt 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
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 great and pleasure whatever or however it comes along we will strike hard and trust in the Lord.

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

Fondest love and affection mother.

Dear Issie's always the same.
Mrs Mayfair
Strathcairn
Longwood

From
major H.C. Mayfair V.C. Victoria
4th B. Horse
Australia
The address only to be written on this side. If anything else is added, the post card will be destroyed.

Mrs Mayfair
Strathearn
Hongwood
Victoria
Australia
NOTHING is to be written on this side except the date and signature of the sender. Sentences not required may be erased. If anything else is added the post card will be destroyed.

I am quite well.
I have been admitted into hospital sick and am going on well. wounded and hope to be discharged soon.
I am being sent down to the base.

I have received your letter dated 1am, parcel.

Letter follows at first opportunity.
I have received no letter from you lately.
for a long time.

Signature only.

Date 3/6/15

(Postage must be prepaid on any letter or post card addressed to the sender of this card.)
Sinai Desert
Egypt
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 and 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 Ismailia 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 lord Kitchener's end is it not, a big loss to the Empire.

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

I hope you are having a mild winter, Ison must go for a good long holiday in the Spring a change would do you the world of good, constie stephens would gladly take you with her for a trip over to Tasmania. know fay who is with me here sent along the Eura Guate with a full account of Maj. 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 yours.