

Brookship Office
Friday 23rd Oct.

Dear Papa,
Just a line to let you know
that I am getting along O.K. & hope
you are all the same.

We have had a good trip so
far I have not been a bit sick so far
and hope I shall not be.

Yours & ones ~~and~~ alone
it is getting a bit rough in fact
too rough to write

Will write a longer letter
next time.

With best love to all

I remain
Your affectionate Bro'
Harold.

P.S. We are getting close
to Albany West Ind. &
I am writing this in hopes
to get it posted thro you

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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
teleg^{ram} „
parcel „

Letter follows at first opportunity.

I have received no letter from you

{ lately.
for a long time.

Signature only. }

Date

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FIELD SERVICE

POST CARD



Mrs J. White
Drafalgar
Old Canterbury Road
Peterham
Sydney
Australia

The address
only to be written
on this side.
If anything else
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be destroyed.

PR 03495

20th February 1916

Dear Freda,

I was very pleased to receive yours dated the 16th January a couple of days ago and was pleased to hear that you were all well. It was a pretty fast mail, just over a month.

Have not had a chance to look Uncle Fred up yet but am glad that you have sent me his address as the opportunity may occur at any time.

Suppose by the time Uncle Walter & an his way back to the Land of the Pyramids and hope I shall join against him. I suppose before this reaches you Dad will have received my letter of about 10 days ago telling him of what arrangements I had made in regard to my money. Hope to all points out as I anticipate.

Sorry to hear that there are no better reports of Uncle Jack available but trust he is now on the improve.

I was very glad to hear that my watch had turned up ok so I can tell you how much I prize the

the same. Had been making inquiries about it in Cairo but could find out nothing so had put it down as a bad job.

Think I told you in my last letter of my meeting Frank Luick but up to date I have seen nothing of Tom Board.

Told you in previous letters that the Christmas parcel from Dad had arrived OK also that sex and papers were also arriving regularly. I was very disappointed at not receiving a couple of parcels which was good enough to send me.

I was at Lemnos when Captain Noel Briers died there and was present at his funeral. It was real bad luck for him to die just a thing or two had finished for the time being at Gallipoli. He had been having a spell at Lemnos when he took ill.

We have been having really rotten weather lately getting nothing but dust for day and night long. It is commencing to sprinkle now so I hope we are going to have a change for the better.

Full Rowl that young Beckett whom he asked me to look up made himself known to me the other day. He recognised me from my likeness to Rowl & seems a very

sort of a boy. Did not have a chance to see anything more of him.

Had a letter from Ann by this mail and she seems to having a pretty good time by the seaside. She must have had a pretty narrow escape in the surf at Manly. I hope she does not suffer from any ill effects.

I am enclosing a couple of photos of the cemetery at Del. St. Kiber where the fallen heroes of that battle which took place in 1837 are buried. It is an extremely pretty place and I would like you to look after the photos for me, as I hope to have a good collection on my return.

Well Freda I think I will now close as there is a scarcity of available news. Remember me to all enquiring friends and with love to all at home.

I remain

Your Affectionate Brother
Haroldo.

P.S. Give my kindest regards to Ruby when next you see her. Tell her that I hope I shall see her in the near future.

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NOTE.—

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The following Certificate must be signed by the writer :

I certify on my honour that the contents of this envelope refer to nothing but private and family matters.

Signature }
(Name only) }

Harold White

Address—

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Traralgon
Old Canterbury
Peterborough
Lyons
Australia*



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France

28th April 1917

Dear Freda,

Just a few lines in reply to yours of the 17th Febry & 4th March which duly came to hand. I was glad to learn that you were well also the rest. Tell Dad I received his letter dated the 28th March and that I shall reply in a few days time. Pleased to say that I am quite well and that the weather over here has taken a change for the better, so hope to have some excellent weather in the next few months.

What do you think of the state of the war now? It looks as if Fritz is feeling the pinch now as he's getting crowded up in every direction. Think I must have a rough chance of getting home by next Christmas.

Glad to hear that you and Marge had such a good time at Point Blanc. I had letter from Vera Blackmore written from there and she also appears to have had a

Good time.

So the postcards of Paris arrived O.K. what do you think of the place wasn't I lucky striking the trap

I had a letter from Rowl a couple of days ago and am glad to be to tell you that he has had his transfer approved & expected to be sent to the Pioneer Camp at any time, so that's good news.

Sorry to hear of Dads boil rather hard luck on him for his holidays but suppose he is O.K. by now.

~~Well Dada,~~ there is not much news from his part other than war news, which is not too entertaining so I think I must now conclude.

With love to all at home

I remain,
Your aff. Brother
Harold.

Belgium.

23rd September 17

Dear Frieda,

Just a few lines, in
with the push to let you know that
I am O.K. up to date. Suppose
you will have learnt from the
papers long before this reaches
you that we have been into the
push once more and acquitted
ourselves well. We seem to be
able to push fully as we like
now but it's a pretty expensive
game. Our ~~last~~ ^{last} advance a
mile the other day which was
very good work, casualties
weren't too heavy, our battalion
lost six officers, it killed and
about 150 others, it's not over
yet however as we are now on
with the consolidation of the
position building tramway
roads etc. but it's been quiet

Havint heard from Rowl lately
 he's still in England and is
 alright. Had a letter from Keith
 Hook the other day he's about
 50 miles from me now and I am
 awaiting a chance to see him.
 Have pinched a motor bike &
 want to ride it so it should
 not take long to get over the
 distance.

There's not much more news so
 must now close with love to
 all ————— I remain

Your affectionate Bro
 Harold

Belgium
17.10.17

Dear Breda,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living and doing well.

Haven't had much time for writing lately as the war has been going strong in this particular part as no doubt you have learnt from the papers before this. Times have been pretty strenuous with the usual number of narrow escapes but so far I have missed everything that's been close.

Had a few lines from Rowl the other day, he's quite well and is still in England though anxious to get across here. By the way, if I am lucky I should manage six months on the training staff in England in about three months time.

Had a letter from Wino's brother Stan the other day, he's also OK.

I also heard from Marg Flook
about a week ago, she's just returned
from a trip to Ireland after spending
a grand holiday. Have met Keith
Flook several times lately he's
also well and enjoying the war.

Poor Fred McKinley whom I
think some of you met was killed
in the last stunt about the 10th
haven't heard full particulars yet.

We are expecting some
battalion Christmas cards to hand
in time for the Christmas mail but
in case the turfs are particularly
energetic then I will take this
opportunity of wishing you all
a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year

Hoping this finds you all well
will write longer next week

I remain
Your Affectionate Brother
Harold White



Sabathu
Sunla Hills
23rd June 1918.

Dear Freda,

As it is Sunday afternoon I am going to make a valiant attempt to write you a few lines in reply to your letter dated the 10th March which I received a couple of days ago, & by which I was glad to learn that you were well. — I have been wondering why I have not received any letters from Australia direct yet but hear that Australian mails were lost on the Andania about the end of January and evidently ^{my} letters of explanation went down on them however ere this you should have heard further from me regarding my movements. — I am still at the course of instruction that I mentioned in my previous letters but it should finish in about a fortnight or three weeks time (the actual date is not definitely known) and I shall then be going to join the Sappers & Miners at Roorkee (you should get a map of India & then you will be able to follow my movements round). I expect to have to attend a refresher course in field engineering at Roorkee lasting about two months by which time I should have passed the necessary

language examination and be fit for active service with Indian troops. Palestine and Mesopotamia are the most likely points so you had better send me your boys address as I may be able to look him up — Did you ever receive a letter telling you that Hughie Carrigan spent a night with me just before his death and that I was able to present at his funeral and fix his grave up properly. He was buried at a place called Flamentinghe about midway between Poperinghe and Ypres in Belgium. He had very bad luck in being killed as he was already gassed & wounded and was being carried back on a stretcher when a shell came along and killed him and the stretcher bearers. Death was instantaneous so you can let his mother know that he did not suffer. — I tried to get a photo of his grave but there were always too many people about and cameras are prohibited.

Am getting a bit fed up with India already but it is really funny how one so soon get tired of a place nowadays & if you are in France you want to be in England where all is quiet and if in England in France or somewhere else. — The weather is not too bad averaging about 85 to 90 in the middle of the day & the nights are cool but this of course is in the hills, on the plains they are getting it 110 + 120 glad I am not there.

Have not heard anything of Rowl since coming out here but hope he is alright as I guess he will have had rather hot reception in France. Have not had a letter from anyone in the battalion either so presume they have not had much time for letter writing.

Cannot tell you what is going to happen to me for the present as I have not made up my mind but after the war you can always resign your commission if you so wish. The life here is very good but you never know how the climate is going to affect you and all that sort of thing and there is an absolute absence of social life. For instance at this station there are about 20 white women all married and you only see about one of them a day.

Will try and send you a Kurino later on as have not been long enough in the country yet to judge the value and in Eastern countries nothing can be bought at anything like a reasonable price without about a hours bargaining. The traders usually ask for about three times the value of everything and if you are new at the game it is a case of come and be robbed.

I had a couple of letters from Elee Ferguson by the same mail as yours and she was telling me of your visit and discussion about the Indian Army.

she rather told me off too but I would love to see her first letter to Bob Lyndy who is also out here.

well Freda I think I must now close as I think I have done pretty well with such a ^{scarcity} of news.

They have just killed a snake about a hundred yards from the bungalow about 12 ft long they called me out to see it and it is a beauty

Tell Aunties min & Jo that I will write to them in a couple of days time

Lots of love to all

from
Your affectionate Brother

~~Harold~~



Roorkee

India

26th July 1918

Dear Freda,

I was very pleased to receive your letter dated the 12th June today and to hear that you were all well.

As you will see by the above address I am now with the Sappers & Miners at Roorkee and very nice too. Always address my letters c/o Cox & Bay as they are my agents etc. and will forward them on to me no matter where I may be.

I have just had a few days in hospital came out yesterday was unlucky enough to strike a bout of malaria but am all clear again now excepting for prickly heat with which I am covered from head to foot but

that's nothing serious just a little unpleasant.

The weather is very hot here usually anything from 100 to 110 degrees in the middle of the day but work is carried out between half past six and ten in the morning that is parades etc only office work to do after that.

Had a few days leave last week & went for a trip to Simla the summer capital of India where the weather was beautiful. It was a very nice place and I spent quite an enjoyable two days. I then journeyed down to Delhi quite an historic old spot in connection with the mutiny but it was very hot there and there was not much chance of getting about however I managed to see a few of the sights. During this trip of mine I found out how rotten the Indian Railways were I lost my luggage twice and found it again one box with ~~out~~ a broken old key in the lock so evidently some



one had been ³ on the lookout for something good but suppose I should consider myself lucky.

I had a line or two from Rawl a couple of days ago and am glad to be able to tell you that he was well and was having a quiet time at the time of his writing. He told me that another one of the good old boys had gone out Max Martyn from Armidale who had won the M.C. and a bar to it and was one of the best.

Fancy young Richie White and Cecil White both coming to ~~the~~ war I can hardly believe it as they were both kiddies when I last remember them but suppose four years is a long time. I met that cheap Supt Blake just before he left England and as he lived at Newtown and was not a bad kid I told him to look Dad up. By the way did Bill Smith ever go

go out to see you. I also too will
remember that chap box whom
Auntie made met but had not better
say anything more about him

I have not got your Basils' address
and as I may be going to Palestine
you had better send me his address as
I may have an opportunity of looking
him up. Of course I do not know
whether it will be there or Mesopotamia
yet.

Don't think there is any more news
this time so must ring off
with fond love to all

Believe me to remain
Your Affectionate Brother
Hardy



Roorkee

4th October 1918

Dear Freda,

Many thanks for your letter of 17/8/18 which I received yesterday and by which I was pleased to learn that you were all well. I am glad to be able to report myself likewise though I had been rather peedy for a few days I am quite better now.

The weather here now is much improved though still about 93° in the daytimes we are getting very cold nights and have had to resort to blankets early in the morning

I have just returned from a holiday in Moosonic a very popular hill resort quite close to here, where I spent a very good time had only ten days leave and was unlucky enough to get ill during the last couple of days so am afraid from a health point of view the change did not do me too much good. Still there was plenty of sport up there skating etc. theatres and pictures and plenty of the fair sex

On my arrival back here I was warned to get ready for mesopotamia and hope to be off very shortly though one never knows. I am glad to be on the move again though I would

much preferred Palestine but we can't always have our own way. The climate out at Mesopot at this time of the year is glorious and as I shall have a chance of warming up with the rest summer I don't suppose I shall feel it too badly.

Thanks for the Casualty List you sent also the para re Hughie Carrigan's medal. Did you ever receive my letter telling you to let Mr Carrigan know that I was in the same part of the country that Hughie was killed and was present at his funeral. I also managed to fix his grave up with a cross and railing. In case they do not know he was buried at Plamertinghe a place quite close to Ypres in Belgium. I tried to get a photographer of his grave but there were too many people about each time I went along so cameras are not allowed in France.

Haven't heard from Rowl for ages but in a letter from some of the chaps in the battalion they mentioned that he was quite well and making ^{good} so you can rest assured that he will be well looked after. The battalion has evidently been into it as the letter mentioned some of the officers being casualties.

Today is Saturday and Monday next has been declared a public holiday throughout

India in celebration of Bulgaria pulling out so we are all naturally pleased and wish I few more would do likewise. It certainly looks as if we are starting to win the war now with successes on all fronts. I wouldn't be surprised if they tried a bit of a push in Mesopotamia too.

Am pleased to learn that Basil is still going strong but I am afraid there is not much likelihood of me meeting him for sometime to come however I will make a note of his address, as you never know where you will finish up.

I had a letter from him this mail also some from Elsie Ferguson and one from the Prentices. The latter have told of a wonderful rumor that Uncle Sam told the postmen who told them that I would be home in February. I don't know where the rumor originated but I only hope they are right. Is it a fact that many of the original Expeditionary Force are getting a trip home now? I have had it mentioned in several letters but can't find out for certain.

I met a couple of Australian soldiers up in Moscow much to my surprise and found out that they were from the Wireless Crowd in Mesopotamia and had been granted 30 days leave in India which much to their regret was nearly up. I had them out to lunch and had

quite a good time with them Cannot tell you how
nice it was to be with Australians once again.

A couple of Bulletins and a Sportsman have
just come in by post, the former from Elce
Ferguson and the latter from Dick Pearce both
very acceptable.

Think I must now ring off as news is
scarce

With lots of love to all

Believe me to remain
Your affectionate Father
Hardy

P.S. Dads letter did not arrive

Landi Khana
Kyber India

27. 2. 21.

Dearest Dada,

Heartiest congratulations to yourself and Sid on becoming a happy Mother & Father & best wishes to the kids from her uncle Harold for all future happiness & prosperity. The glad news only reached me this week through a number of sources Pa, Win & Jessie Sharp and I was glad to hear that you had got through your troublesome time so successfully. Pa from the time of his letter seemed immensely pleased though a bit worried at having both you & Marge down at the one time. Marge seemed to have been particularly unfortunate, but hope that long ere this she is quite her old self again.

The news about poor old Auntie Guit's death did not come as a surprise to me sort of expected it but was glad to learn that in her will she did not forget the many kindnesses of yourself and Marge to her. She certainly was a bit trying at times but you two shuck it like bricks.

Pa was telling me that Sid's firm were appreciating his services very well which I was glad to hear. Hope he keeps on doing as well.

all the time.

I am phis out in the blue & there are no immediate prospects of getting Win over but it should be certain after the next hot weather that in for her to leave Australia about the end of August. I sincerely hope it will be so for both our sakes as I know we both miss one another more than either of us let on to our another. It's jolly rough being parties like this but when I complain Jim told Jim a soldier first and a married man afterwards quite right I suppose too. Wouldn't like to be like Lyall my present Lt. his wife left India went home to England in 1914 when war broke out and he next saw her in January 1920 rather a hard case wasn't it.

A letter from Win has just come in dated the 4th February and it is full of joyce she has promised to send me a snapshot of her in a few days time shall be delighted to get it. I must be wonderful for you & Sid.

The weather is warming up again & we shall have another Summer on us in no time and this place is going to be a beauty in the hot weather so hope that I can escape it. An Army order came found yesterday telling us that we were all (that is all officers) ~~officers~~ going

to be given two months leave during the hot weather. Don't know whether I shall be able to avail myself of it yet a while though I may manage it about July or perhaps I could work it in with Wives coming over.

Think I must now ring off write when you get a chance Give my kindest to her & with love of love

I remain

Your Affectionate Brother
Harold

Have just discovered that I haven't your address have forgotten so am sending this to Pa.



Your Affectionate Bro
Harold.

Major H. S. White, of Manly, who left Australia with an infantry unit, is reported killed in action in another long casualty list issued to-day.

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CARTE POSTALE

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CORRESPONDANCE

17. 6. 15

ADRESSE

Dear Dad

These two post cards will give you an idea of how comfortable we are here, we are getting best of attention. I was operated on on the 4th & had my bullet removed. The wound of entrance had completely healed but my arm on being opened at the spot where the X rays showed the bullet to be was not as well as expected.

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CORRESPONDANCE

ADRESSE

an abscess had formed around the bullet which they removed I have had a splint on until today so my writing is a bit awry.

I will be sending you the bullet also my watch as soon I can get some money. (Have not seen the Paymaster for 3 months) which I should like you to keep for me
Love to all
Haroldo.

PRO3495

V A L E !

Major Harold S. White

The many friends of Harold S. White will regret to hear of his passing, "Killed in Action, Tobruk, 21st May."

An original Anzac, who fought throughout the 1914-1918 struggle, Harold later joined the British Army in India, and after two Waziristan campaigns, during which time he supervised the construction of the furthestmost post in the Khyber Pass, Harold returned to Australia and joined the N.S.W. Railways as an Engineer in 1922.

He continued his Army interests with the Militia, and on the outbreak of the present conflict joined the A.I.F. as Major 2/1st Pioneer Battalion.

His cheery smile and fishing rod will be missed from the Ocean Beach, also his cheery presence from the 8.10 ferry. He leaves a widow, daughter, and son, Sub.-Lieut. R.A.N.

He died a soldier and a man.