

19/11/16

My dear Eric,

I would have written before but honestly I can't - I see by letter from my wife is interested that my wound is not serious - and I say that? Well I don't want her worried but of course a little thing you bring and now not knowing where it is fine to want a thing to handle lightly - I am in a splendidly but can't make + spit up a work and of muck - I got

No. tell you
when that is -
with them

(2)

am to ~~be~~ to do and
7 Stationary Hospital - 397

am quite comfortable but it

was a hurried journey -

The Battalion did splendidly

but dreadful casualties -

especially among the officers -

I had a poor time on the 13th

I'll tell you about it later.

I don't know what about

the future but you had

(3)

perhaps better prepare the
Readjustees for either a
disappearance from position
or a long spell away by
saying that with the
~~knowledge~~ ~~information~~ it
is confidently expected that
no dangerous results will
ensue to the job if work
be reduced that chest would

I don't know when

Sail depends on Doctors

X rays all ~~suits~~ suits

of things. When to
A to home in London
at point.

We did all we were
asked to on the 13th + 14th.

A Bosche got me straight
1" above left ^{cupple} ~~cupple~~ + 1" to

right when I was 17 1/2 years old
him - Bit of a shock - so still

(4)

affinity the lungs as they
are important they involve
much careful treatment.

The dam I saw
I wish now I am
with! - but I'd be fit now -

John

(John)

97 - so communicate to the Red -
from let London ^{mes} ~~and~~ here it

No 7 Stationer, Holborn
BSE7

23.11.16

My dear Eric.

I'm afraid my last letter to
you was somewhat pessimistic - I can't
quite make myself out - whether I'm
just over ill for a long time or in for a
fairly speedy recovery. I'm giving up
a lot of that sporting business and hardly
any comes up now + I've been X-rayed
+ no bullet can be found. A possible
entry or exit has been discovered. I found
it myself round the side + my powder
chest has a hole like a 't' + its the
clone of a real Mad-eye: but I'm
in it with pain - I have to sit
up + have little meals but I
eat well, + could drink wine I
feel sure but I don't get the chance. I

Can't smoke at present - haven't since I
was hit. So on the whole I'm
much more optimistic & think a
matter or two will find me
right again. I suppose I'll have
the chance to go west get me
standing in the Best of Tom's Hall
perhaps before long I expect! &
I'm for back in France by then!
I have very little news of the actual
fight after I was wounded. I
have had to get it from the papers -
but one of my officers who is in
the hospital with a smashed
knee sent me in a letter he'd
had from his father who had been

to the War Office to enquire for him,
and the authorities there told
him that Sir D.H. was delighted
with what we'd done & that
we'd taken more prisoners than
any other single division had
ever done including 3 German
Generals - all on our side. I
know they are very pleased by
that alone being one of the leading
ones suffered badly especially
among officers - Poor Harcourt
was killed among them - a great
proud of mine & a very good
boy - he'd been with me all the way

also another fellow company commander
called Her: but the large majority
were wounded. It was a very
fine fight & the men were simply
wonderful men particularly as they
had been having about the worst time
in the way of weather, fatigues, &
hard work for the last 5 weeks before
that wild crew had - What an example
these men set here set & their
conscientious obj: + the

unreasonable frontiers at home!
The Date of
The Duties were in our Division -
They don't give notice their
friends at home in Ireland

either - I did lose some good pals
in that fight. Two of my men besides
Freddie Saunders + Boye with Co
of Datto - Kelly ES. the owner such
of good chap. A Campbell - son of
A.S. dead. + a host of others. I
cant get a list of my men yet - but
a lot of the best I saw shot down
all round me. They got us from
a strong point with a machine gun
in the middle. I must stop. I'll
be on for ever. My best love take
be some most interesting news
about you. My congratulations!

I with the income tax when it is!
how I consider it wonderful - I'm
Christy a letter from you as
wonderful like you have my
address - Christy - I hope
to see you soon - 5 days no
^{more} ~~more~~ for a week but I don't
believe him!

Christy

No 7 State Hospital

27 - Nov -

My dear Eric

I'm a little late to write so after
Two letters of yours 22 & 24 Nov were in
front of me, also I got the Barber Chronicle
the effort about what they extracted with quite
interest but then that's my Ma! and
the very often get things the wrong way
however it was enough & nothing to
worry about. Her doctor to day - just
returned from leave - perhaps doctor for
this ward or floor. Says all going
well. Henry has had black eye but
with leaves - can go this week has
kind lady Ridge to know if she
has room for me? so might cross a
Thursday. Waiting answer - should
receive till Wednesday - I am feeling
very fit - eat well - had a pint
of beer for kind "parting" didn't
care much for it but good medicinal
I was told! Can't remember yet!

was told I could have 2 cigs a day if I
didn't smoke. They are 2 puffs
quite simple! Dr here particularly
wants me to go. Leg Rupture I am
because of medical man there.

So I may have to see you
this week. Hope so. Sister
refuses me in. I think she's
forgetting. Name the pencil which
needs sharpening - Tetanus
injection yesterday - side by side leg -
that's both sides one now. All ready
well. Leg Pain with 9 mg per
cane in brain on Monday - All per
anxiety joined with drops of
RMS. Everyone seems pleased except
our new Div. for who's put his
foot in the bucket as he walked on
to H-L. I said to Robert with 1/2
with art. opened on population. He's
kicking himself. I hope with all the
cheer. John

No 7 West Hospital

30. 11. 16.

My dear Vic;

Your letter of 28 just received. I am
most awfully pleased to hear of your former illness.
Pneumonia is a beastly thing, especially at
this time of the year & I do hope most sincerely
for good news. Don't write here again. I'm
almost certain the shipper off in a day
or so. I'm going to believe to half Ridgelys
to Carlton House Terrace which they say
is the best home in London & my doctor
wants me to go there for "his" doctor who
is there. My home is vacant but I
understand - so I'll write to see you soon.
I'm getting on awfully well - & am
looking dreadfully fat with lying in bed
& eating hard - had a good breakfast
cheerful & I do hope your life is better

Yours
Lester

10 Carlton House Terrace

14-12-16

My dear Eric.

Did you keep the enclosed
offusion which Thorburn sent? because
it isn't enclosed! You may rest
assured I shan't read it after
except it is vetted. Wish though you
I'm quite sure I'm not sending a
general letter to + Mrs of that's what
Thorburn wants. I'm very doubtful
about writing to H.P. I hate
writing these letters for subs but
will, probably after I've seen Mr H.P.
I suppose you haven't a letter from him
reusing his sub: - if so will you
send it me? Given 2 months by
a board yesterday - to fusion says
not nearly enough & I shall only
have to let him from the next
board as I shall be fit by that

time. However will see. for a
to walk but he says wait till I
let up in a cheery tone!!!

Best of luck hope to see you
soon

My
love,

Let me know about Thurber's letter
as I can't answer about it yet