11th. H.A.C. Regiment
RHA
Nov. 10
In the Blue

My dear Raymond.

Well how are you getting along old boy! I do hope that you are getting the use of your leg completly back, and that they are keeping you occupied one way or another.

Well this is certainly some show as you may have gathered, and I am pleased to say we were in the spearhead that eventually broke through the German lines, it was pretty hot going for ten days, and then they broke and ran we ourselves (my troop) destroyed by open sights (dial sights!) 2 m3 and 2 probables at 1000*. We are now having a little rest before carrying on with the route!

I do not know if I told you before but Alan Watt was made my Troop Commander as our Major went up on a mine so our Bty Captain became our OC and my T. Commander became Bty Captain - I am sorry to say first hour up in action as T. Commander

in his honour, he was killed by A.P he was Troop Commander for 1 day, a very decent chap, as I think you will agree with me.

I have been extremely lucky myself, having during action received a direct hit on my George Truck from a 105 Gun killing my signaller who was on my left and one A.P who was on my right, totally destroying the Wireless set and truck I was knocked out for a couple of minutes, why I was not killed, "God only Knows" I suffered for several days from shock and blast but was able to carry on in action, I am glad to say I am now one again 100%. I hope to get a bathe this afternoon, near quite a big village! Well Ray old boy, when and where am I going to see you next many many happy returns for your birthday, I should have liked to have sent you a wire but it was right in the middle of a very busy time!

Anyway I have got a nice little present for you for your birthday a nice little bit of German loot! it is specially reserved for you, until I see you again!

I am afraid at times I have had a tremendous courage amongst Jerry stuff but my trust simply will not hold another spade.

Well Ray I received your letter addressed to the B.D.R.A and two wires from you thank you. Keep smiling

All love Bro

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Dec. 20.

My darlings

I was so pleased to-day to hear from a letter of gardener's that Raymond has returned to the flock how nice for you to have him at home I hope you have all had a really happy Christmas. How does he look! how is his leg! will it eventually recover! how long is it likely to take! I am eagerly awaiting all news concerning Ray. Well here Christmas is nearing and all our energies are being exerted towards the organisation of a thundering good Christmas. We are getting an P.N.S.A show including lovelies from CAIRO plus tons of food. Turkey ham sausages pudding dates and oranges infact a nice little spread. Your parcels so gratefully received I had a bath to-day and used some of our special soap I smell simply lovely now! The magazines

were really marvellous and
all my brother officers
are indebted to pop for his
trouble in despatching them. We
are holding a desert cocktail
party on Tuesday, tons.
of officers coming from units
such as the 2. RHA, the
Bays, the Yorkshire Dragoons
and the 4 RHA including
Hugh Barrow, Alister Banks
Duncan Simons, infact this
week our social calender
is booked up fully. Plenty
of parties amongst a grand
lot of chaps, plenty of rest
still early nights alot of book
reading, and easy work. all love
Edwin

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