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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/C 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