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Reply to

Military Camp at

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Dear Ralph,

Just a line to let you know how I am getting along out here in this uncivilized country. You ought to take up a section out here it would make fine grazing land one thing I am sure of is this you would never have a grass fire to fight like you have there also you dont need to be afraid of the rain. I have seen a few stiff fights since I left home. When you get into a really warm corner its not the game its cracked up to be. At the same time you get used to the whistle of bullets & the shattering of the big shells when its quiet again it seems so unnatural. You ought to try it for yourself to realize what its really like. Its quite a change from the quiet former life. How are you all at

home. Write & let us know how
things are getting along. I havent had
a letter since 19 left & would like
to hear the news. Are there many
young fellows left of around letnia
now. We could do with them out
here. Its terrible when you see men
lying about all round you & can
not do any thing to make them
comfortable because there is a shortage
of men. All you can do is
to carry them tra in & lay the
down to wait their turn to be
patched up. Its hard work
at times, being when there is
an engagement on, you are kept
hard at it all the time. You
are too busy to notice the danger
in fact you forget about it altogether
~~with you~~ & take no notice.

Two of our fellows were recommended
for the D. C. M. for bravery in
attending to wounded under fire.
excuse scribble blame. the gen
if you like I remain
Yours
to all love
Matt.

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MILITARY CAMP DEPT
H. R. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance 1916
On Active Service

Dear Ralph,

Just a line or two to let you know that I have not forgotten the old place. I would not mind if I was back again tramping behind the lines. I hope you are well as this leaves me in top condition. So far I have never got so much as a scratch. So you see my luck is aw. We have been having bad weather here lately it has been very windy as you know what means plenty of sand. We can afford to put up with a bit of trouble to get this job finished. There will be a wiser lot of fellows after this is over than there was before. I could write all day just telling you a little of what we see. But it will have to keep till we get back again. I was say to dear what they turned

conscripted down at home. I think if
the fellows only realized how they were
needed they would not need conscription to
get them to come. If some of them could
only realize what it is like to lie &
look over at the enemy & know what
it feels like to know that you are
falling back because the enemy has
greater numbers, I haven't seen a great lot
but I have seen ~~the~~ times when had we
more men the fighting would have finished
it half the time & instead of the enemy
retreating & attacking us again we would
have captured the whole caboodle.

Remember me to Arthur & Vida also Annie. I
haven't forgotten them although I have not
~~forgot~~ written.

I have lost Jack & now I don't know
where he has got to. The last I saw of
him was in September when he went to
Alexandria since then I have not heard
of him. Give my love to all at home
With best love

I remain

Yours faithfully
Matt