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My darling mother

Just a few lines to say I am well
and enjoying the beautiful warm weather
that has at last come. I am washing in
my shirt sleeves in my room.

I went over to cemetery on Tuesday
afternoon and found that Mr. Gann had
been over a week before and had put
up a nice wooden cross about 4 feet
high with the dear lad's name, unit
and the date. It was really a very nice
one and Mr. Gann has gone to a lot of
trouble although he writes me an
apologetic note saying it seemed so
little after all. Good night love from him.
He has also arranged about the picture

about which there is a good deal of red tape. The old man at our mess is a nursery gardener and am I am going to take him over in a mess cart and have him plant some flowers and look after it occasionally this summer and if you like will try and make a permanent arrangement if I find the Graves Commission does not do this. I think however they intend to. However in the meantime I think it would be nice to have it looked after for next few months. I will let you know more later on.

I opened such a nice letter from Mrs Harwood to W and yesterday. I am only sorry the dear boy never got it. Please thank him for it. I will write as soon.

as possible and thank him myself.

I spent yesterday up in front and walked all around the ridge with Col Smith. It was very warm and we got very sun burnt but quite enjoyed.

Applied for 10 days special leave to England to attend to Wood's things next week and hope I get it as I think I need a little change. Will know in a few days.

Saw Snell yesterday who was so sorry. He said he had the Jack Smallman who had some of the job in connection with hospitals which he got through Hargrave.

No letters from you yet since you got the sad news a month ago for which I sympathise as I had one from Aunt Fannie last Sunday but sufficient is one of the things one has

to put up with under present conditions.

Called you today and hope you will get it on Sunday.

A nice letter from Elaine dated April 8th which I will answer soon also two from you, one from Alice, four from Mark and one from Aunt May for Wood which I have not had the heart to open yet. They are all dated the end of March so have been nearly 6 weeks in transit.

and hoping very much to get away but it is unending as only a limited number are given each week and they may not want a c. o. to go at present.

Will write fully towards end of week. The train is coming back pretty rapid but I don't think you ever get back. So much love to you three dear brave hearts. Bob