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Dear Glen,

I find myself thinking of you as often as of any of my friends so will write. I send longer general letters to Ruth & have asked her to get them typed if she thinks they are readable & distribute copies, one going to you. I hope you & Mary & the family are yet enjoying the summer.

You know this country & the desert better than I do so will realize how much we are enjoying the khamsin blowing at present. We are simply smothered in sand & it doesn't appear to intend to die down this evening as usual. We are fairly on the desert though close to cultivated country, on high ground within sight of Cairo & in calm weather it wouldn't be a bad spot - though it doesn't compare well with Cairo!

We had a very pleasant voyage. A fine looking convoy of big ships & plenty of escort. Had an enjoyable day ashore at Colombo, on which I wrote a letter. We were all very glad to get ashore now wondering why we were so anxious to have a good home.

The camp is reasonably comfortable and not at all crowded. We are taking every imaginable precaution to keep down the incidence of disease. This wind has blown for three days now & we could do with a calm spell to improve our spirits. Though there is nothing wrong with the morale. Everyone is very cheerful & working well & making the best of things.

John Johnston is fit and functioning as efficiently as ever in charge of the Bn office. Ted Henry is one of my smartest & most reliable sergeants. Archie MacDuff is going excellently & should do well. Donnell has gone to Div HQ as DAQM & will probably stay there. Ken Manchester has taken over our Paen Caucien Pl. and is away on a course. I am perfectly fit and have forgotten about any trade but soldiering. The Bn generally is going very well & settling beautifully.

Last night Ding Bell called & he & MacDuff & I sat a long time & yammered of old times. He is Adjutant of the Div. Cavalry. We are looking forward to a mail.

With kindest regards to you & May

J. D. Davis

Yours affectionately  
Howard