

Next day.

I was called away and have been very fully employed. For a little while we thought to me might start business and it was good to see the alacrity with which the men got ready and their quiet eagerness. Also to feel myself quite cool & brimming over with good humour. But nothing came of it. However last night we had an air raid warning & everyone says there was a hell of a row, searchlights going at top @ AA batteries in full cry, but I slept through it & only heard this morning.

You rec'd part of increasing. Today people have been streaming out of Cairo. Every few minutes carts loaded with furniture pass our posts & the crowds in the streets are appreciably smaller. I was out at Maadi this morning & came back through the head City 'Old Cairo' & there is a tremendous difference since I was there a week ago. Alexandria was well bombed last night & again this afternoon.

Air Mail letters from Jimmie & Ruth, dated June 6th were more than welcome last night. Letters have a high morale value so help to keep mine up, but it's not yet any use waiting anything but Air Mail.

Things were bad enough when they wrote. I often think of Jim tyroddling the wireless and getting nothing but bad news.