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Dear Laurie Jimmy,

I enclose a 'friends' letter which you might pass on to anyone interested, including Ruth.

We are slower, on late, getting going than one expected but things are warming up & will have a good deal to do so letters may be more snappy.

I am deeply grateful to you both for your kindness to Ruth & the kiddies, she is always saying how good you are and it is no little comfort. Even now I find it difficult to realize that I am away and she is alone and I suppose getting anxious.

I am feeling very lonely & homesick this evening & could easily end by going off & getting tight only at present I shouldn't leave my W.O. Usually I have too much to do & think about to have time to be homesick & what's the use. It is perhaps wrong to say that I am extraordinarily busy. The pen is going like a machine and so long as I'm not working too hard & everyone else is working hard things are going well.