

In. H. Field
Palestine
24th June 1917

Dear Lydia

Just a short note to let you know that I am still going strong. We have not had a VZ mail for three weeks but are expecting it to arrive either this afternoon or tomorrow. We are now away from the sea and camped in the dirt and dust again. We are camped half an hour's ride from the water though as you can see it is quite a long job watering the horses. The worst part about watering is that you cannot escape the dust and you have to bring a bucket of water back with you to camp to wash the dust off. We have been learning the new Bayonet fighting, bomb throwing with live bombs, the last day or two so you see they are giving us plenty of work to refresh our memory before going back to the front line where we do nothing but patrols. We all think

that being in the front line is a long
way better than being back here. The
front line is the ~~best~~ best and you
can have a better time. The hot
weather is the cause of sending
a large number of men away to hospital
with septic-sores etc but I am glad
to say that I am all right and I
cannot remember when last I had to
attend sick parade. it is so long
ago.

Best of love to ~~the~~ all of you
and I hope you are all in the
best of health.

I am
Your Loving
Brother
Emory

Letter from
Emerson Clarkson
in Poleston
1917 to his
sister Lydia
who died in
the epidemic?
in (1918/19).