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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