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Headquarters  
Germany.

My own Dear Kid/

I cannot find my pen just now dear, so hope you will excuse me if I resort to the old war time method of using pencil. The pencil by the way was given me as a souvenir by a little Belgian girl named Juliet. She was a dear little kid, but very young. I should say about 14. Last time I wrote to you sweetheart I told you that I had not heard from you

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for some time. Tonight I am very pleased to be able to tell you that I have just received a large mail including about 10 dear letters from you. Unfortunately most of the letters from home contained bad news, about which I dare say you have heard.

Well dear I have not much news to tell you from here, so will write in answer to your letters which are dated from Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 17.

While on leave in England or rather while in the

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hospital there I received a letter from you saying that you would not write again until you heard from me. As I knew that in the mean time you must have heard from me, I decided to wait until I had further word from you, consequently I did not write as much as I intended to while on leave. I want to tell you here & dear how glad I have always been of your letters, they have always been so brave and cheerful, even though you did not hear from me

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you continued to write regularly. It has been a great trial for us both dear, but I feel that it has brought us together more, and has given us greater love and understanding.

So Arthur Osborne has been turned down again, however he won't have much to worry about, now that we have kept the Huns from his door. I feel sure that a number of those who did not come "over here" could have done so had they so desired. However I'll at least be able to look the world in ~~at~~ the face

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I hope you don't mind me speaking of your friends in this manner, dear, but I feel just like giving someone a dig when I think that I am so far away from you.

Well dear I have not much time left, so will have to hurry up. Many thanks dear, for the birthday card I received it right on time for to-day's the day.

I was very pleased also with that little snap of yourself. It is just lovely.

I've left the battery now

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his, and am working in  
the ordnance stores, I'll tell  
you more about it later on

The only unfortunate part  
about it is that we will  
be the last to return home  
but in any case that will  
not be very long now.

I must say good-night now  
dear. Please give my kindest  
regards to Mrs. Gerard & all  
friends. Love to all at  
home, and fondest love to

my dear Rose

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from  
Your loving & lonely  
Arthur