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Dear Mum & Dad,

The last letter I wrote was from No. General Hospital where I spent 1a week. While I was there I was delighted to receive mail from you & Edna; four letters each dated 18 & 25 April & 2 & 9 May. There was also one from Bob Holmes.

Well, I am pleased to say that I am now out of hospital. I made a quick recovery, & were it not for the fact that my head looks somewhat like a hedge-pog, (my hair having been all cut off short) I don't look as if I had been near a hospital. I went from hospital through what is called "Base Reception Depot" where I spent a day, being checked over there by the doctor &

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dentist. Then they sent me to a base training depot where I am at present till I am sent back to my unit. I can't understand some things they do in the army. Instead of going back to my Battalion I have to stay at this other camp among the sandy wastes till such time they decide to send me back.

I shall miss my leave to Alesha now. Have made enquiries about it till I am sick of the whole thing.

I have decided to spend the money I have saved during the past six months or so, together with the which you so kindly sent me recently, on stockings, dress materials & so on for Edna. Things are very dear in Cairo, but some of the bigger & well known shops haven't raised their prices much. Silk stockings

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can be bought here at the Club (where I am as I write these lines), & the girls give advice as to where to buy the best goods at a reasonable price. I don't believe five pairs of silk stockings today - I know she will be pleased to get them.

Well, it was good to get your letters & to lie back in my bed at hospital & read the news. With regard to the photo of my pal & me with the Xmas parcels, I am sorry that you were wrong & old Jack right for once. I am the shorter of the two (by a little) & am on the right side as one looks at the snap. In other words, as we stood while the photo was taken, I was on the left & Norm on my right. With regard to the other photos from the Weekly News, I can't express an

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opinion as there were several camera men there when we marched past Mr. Churchill.

I note the addresses of relatives in England - Scotland you sent in your letter of 2 May. Who knows - I may yet see them. The war isn't over yet!

Well, two weeks or so ago while I was here on leave for part of an afternoon I had afternoon tea with Miss Peely in her flat on Floor 3. While I sipped my tea, I read a long interesting letter from Colman Drake: it had arrived only that day & on the very first page Colman was enquiring after me. (He had written the letter to Miss Peely: they are old friends.) Colman had been for a holiday to New York & Chicago & likes his job in the Air Force at Ottawa. I gave Edna

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his address to send on to Bert & Edna's brother who is now in Canada. I had neglected them during the time I have been in the hospital East, but I made up for it by sending off a letter of 18 pages in two separate envelopes. Miss Kelly is just the same. It was over a year since I had seen her last. I saw also Audrey Holdgate - from Timaru - for a few minutes' chat.

The weather here is getting warmer day by day. Summer is not far off. It is a good thing I have my hair off (I'm not quite bald so please don't get alarmed). I lost my appetite while in hospital - but it is back to normal again now. When I finish this letter I will have an ice cream & fruit salad in the

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lounge. The girls there are going the whole time serving out ice cream, soft drinks, tea, cakes, sandwiches etc. - at various counters. Miss Healey is often there helping too. Well, my dear, I think I have told you all the news. I am quite well again so don't worry about me please. I hope these lines find you both & all the others in Nelson, Aunt Bess, Grandma & family & so on, all well.

Now for my ice cream & fruit salad.

Love from your son,
Pewari.

P.S. Received your airograph letter of 16th May. It was very clear & easily read.