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Dear Mum & Dad,

I was very happy to receive four letters from you yesterday, dated 27 June, 14th, 11th & 18 July; four from Edna & one from Cousin Beatrice. It was one of the biggest mails ever to come to the Middle East. One of our chaps received over 20 letters from his wife. I am satisfied with one a week from Edna & I manage to write one a week in return - sometimes more. Every one to his tastes, I suppose.

I am enclosing some snaps with this letter. Please send them on to Edna when you have done with



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them. I will be sending more
in my next letter.

Well, yesterday I went
to a wedding in Cairo.
Andrew Holgate, of Timor
married a Somali Captain
— Jimmy somebody. I've
just forgotten his name. I
went on leave on Sat.
to Cairo & had afternoon
tea with Mervyl Pechy at the
N.3. Forces Club. She told
me Andrew was being married
on Monday morning & asked
if I would like to be a
guest. I got leave from
8 o'clock yesterday morning,
went to Cairo by train &
had time to look about
& choose a wedding
present — a silver & plated
big cut plate.
The ceremony was at 11
o'clock, in the chapel at



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ally Saints, the Anglican Cathedral in Cairo. It is a beautiful stone structure. There were forty or fifty guests there, nine tenths of them in uniform or a few civilian women - friends of Andrews. After the ceremony, we pretented to the N.B. Club and had a buffet wedding breakfast in the common room. It was very enjoyable.

About a week ago, we held a ceremonial parade for the General, amid very pretty surroundings. We were taken to the ground in trucks and marched back in time for lunch. At the parade, we marched past in columns of nines, with the band.



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playing & bayonets glinting
in the sun. Our unit
put on the best show so
we were told. Miss Keeby
was there, sitting among the
knobs. I saw her when
we did "eyes right!"
So Isabel sat near the
General in Kotorina & saw
the scars on his neck. I
have seen them too. The
General had a very lucky
escape last year when he
was wounded by bomb
splinters.

Tomorrow morning at 8.30
I go up for my second
interview. If I pass, it
should be only a few days
before I am training at
O.C.T.U.

This letter will of necessity
be brief as I am very
busy. I will comment



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on the news in your letters
next time.

I am A.I.
hope you in Nelson are
the same.

much love to
you both & crew.

Your loving son,
Rewai

[Faint handwritten mark]