

France
Sept 16, 1917

Dear Maud

In answer to your welcome letter, with Arthur's add'd which I received to-day, I will look him up & let you know if I find him. Some reinforcements joined us up to-day & I saw Billy Regan, he says Charlie [unclear] Garrison & one of the Birds are here too. I didn't know G. Brown

~~I'll tell you tales now. We are~~
out of the trenches at present, it is Sunday to-day & we have got a day off, Sunday is generally the same as any other day here. I will be getting leave to England in a month or two, if they keep the leave going as at present, so it will be a bit of a change. Eric Belcher is still away, he's been away six months now. Jack Solomon has joined us up

This letter was written by George Ellery (Siles George) to his sis Aunt. Maud in Belfield. He was killed 26 days later on 12th Oct. The Billy Regan he refers to was a Belfield neighbour. Of course the leave he was looking forward to never materialised.

J.S. Ellery
8/3/05

after being away wounded, his brother Fred has gone back to N. J., one brother is in the Australians, one is in India, & another is in a working Battalion here, so his family ~~is~~ well represented. You say Uncle Bill came back here again, I thought I saw in a N. J. paper where he had gone back there again. The weather is good here now, but the winter will be here again.

~~the winter will be here again~~
year since we landed here. I got the cable you sent all right. I got a letter from Dos to day too, & one from Amy. I won't bother writing home, as they will get all the news in this. I will conclude hoping this finds you well, & it leaves me fine.

X X X With love from George.

Put 'Liberl.' instead of 'Riflemen'

next time

N. Z.



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England

Dear Friends

no doubt you will be surprised to receive a letter from me but i am writing to you about George to tell you the truth it is a thing that i dont care to write about as it was a great shock to me so i am writing you them few lines to give you an idea i should have written to you before but as the military had him as missing i could not very well write to you and say any other but since i have been here i met one of the fellows that was a sergeant going out he said that he saw him but a shell had caught his nation and i think we can relies on this word

N. Z.



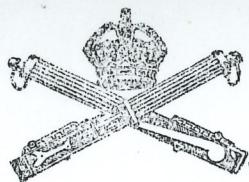
M.C.A.
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as for George all that i can say he was a fine fellow very cool in the line and a good soldier liked by all, no doubt he would have been a sergeant by this, i remember when we made the advance at Messines we went over together and that was bad enough we went over together at Passendale but the conditions were different we took it in turns in carrying food up to the line and when we arrived at the place on the advance we got separated and that was the last i saw of him but i had a good idea what was wrong when he did not come back the night we were retured regards the battle i wont say much about as it was enough to turn one silly to see the pride laying about the finest men of it I won't under that day, as for myself i was wounded on the Thirteenth of Nov i received a



N.Z. Machine Gun Corps

Grantham

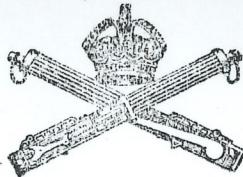
Lincolnshire

England

Dec 16th 1917

Dear Mr. Ellery & Family,

I feel it my duty to write and express my sympathy with you in the sorrow you have sustained by the death in action of your dear son George. You know he was my constant companion & closest friend from the time we went into camp up to the time I left France for Blighty. He was a good-natured, clean-living lad, and if we who knew him will miss him and feel his loss, how much greater will be the sorrow of those who loved him still more. From all information I can gather, he fell in the attack on the Heights of Abraham, Passchendaele, Ypres on the 12th of October while gallantly leading his section against the enemy, and I hope you will find some consolation in the fact that he died doing his duty.



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and with his face to the enemy.

I am going back to France next month, and will endeavour to find out where he was buried and further particulars if possible. In conclusion, I again add my sympathy in your irreparable loss of a soldier and a gentleman.

I remain -

Yours sincerely
Ernest W. Belcher

address:-

15863 Pts. E.W.B.

N.Z. Machine Gun Corps

N.Z. Expeditionary Force

G.C.P.O.

Wellington

Santa Barbara #58 Billing
Received Oct 12

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Y.M.C.A
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I had hit in the thigh but am pleased to say that it is getting on alright again but i hope this war will soon be over I hear, from Fairlie was killed by the same shell that wounded me dont know where you will know now or not Dear Friends i dont know what i have & any more to tell you no more than to say you have lost a son and i have lost a mate as a good mate at this game is a great thing i know it must have been a bad blow as it was a great shock to me when i heard hurting these few lines will find you all in the best of health i remain your sincere friend J F Solomon

P.S. i have given my home address as i dont know were i go back to the same company or not that is if i do go which i hope i will not as my nerves are shaken up very much since this last advance

J F S

5.5 p.m., Feb. 24th.
and N.Z. Cable Assn
LONDON, Feb. 22.
n Mercer has been ap-
man of the Pacific Cable

LORD BRASSEY.

5 a.m., Feb. 25th.
LONDON, Feb. 24.
announced of Lord

was born in 1836, was
Admiralty in 1884-5,
Victoria from 1895 to
"Sunbeam," in which
400,000 knots, was
Government of India
in 1916.]

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LONDON, Feb. 1.
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SUCCESSFUL GARDEN
PARTY.

S. G. Williams received word that 10-3126
gassed on February 3rd.

LETTERS OF SYMPATHY.

TH. 25/2/1918 P.M.
Mrs Ellery and family, of Belfield,
have received a letter from Private E.
W. Belcher, N.Z. Machine Gun Corps,
dated Grantham, Lincolnshire, Dec. 16,
1917, expressing sympathy with the
family in loss by the death in action
of their son George, who had been his
constant companion and closest friend
from the time they went into camp up
to the time the writer left France for
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enemy. I am going back to France
next month, and will endeavour to
find out where he was buried, and fur-
ther particulars if possible." Prior to
the receipt of the above letter the only
information received by the family con-
cerning Lance-Corporal F. S. G. El-
lery was that he was reported missing
on October 12.

Mr Woodhead, Factory Road, Te-
muka, has received two letters regard-
ing his son's death in France. The let-
ters, sent by 2nd Lieut. McLean and
Lieut. Manson, state that the
Company sustained a great loss through
the death of Sergt-Major Woodhead.
Lieut. Manson said that the late sol-
dier had been in his company since the
evacuation of the Peninsula, and rose
to the rank of Sergt-Major. On the
Somme he especially distinguished him-
self, and was unlucky that he did not
get a higher award than the Military
Medal. He was hit by a piece of shell
in the leg on December 7, and died in
the 3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing
Station on the 9th. Lieut. Manson
states that he will put a cross on the
grave and send a photograph of it. He
concludes: "Accept my sincerest sym-
pathy and that of the officers of the
Company on the death of a great sol-
dier."

Monday, March 29, and Easter
season and all members are expected to
be present. Visitors will get a hearty
welcome. Entries will be received up
till 9.30 a.m. on the morning of play.

WEST END v. TIMARU.

A friendly game was played on the
Timaru green on Saturday afternoon
between teams representing the West
End and Timaru Clubs. The following
are the scores, Timaru players being
mentioned first:

Morton, Kerr, Scott, Gow 27 v.
Dewar, Ryan, Smallridge, J. Dewar 9.
Clelland, Clarke, Green, Broadhead
18 v. Watt, Ellis Hunt, O'Hagan 29.
Lilllico, Leslie, Corbett, Carlton 26 v.
Wilson, Greene, Irvine, Clare 18.
Potts, Home, Young, Bradley 25 v.
Lewis, Munro, Eason, Jones 24.
Totals—Timaru 96, West End 80.

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It was not only
the United States
determined. It
the British Empire
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taught us From
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be moulded and p-
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ingham Whigs.
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Parliament of "K
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followed which long
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Dr Page, has said,
ever had before.

RED CROSS FUND.

LEVELS-MACKENZIE SHEEP DRIVE.

The organisers of the Levels-Macken-
zie Red Cross sheep drive, held last
September, are now in a position to
submit a final statement as under:

	£	s.	d.
Albury	251	14	9
Fairlie and auction	297	5	1
Fairview	15	12	6
Cave	35	15	0
Kingsdown	43	9	0
Levels	21	14	6
Pleasant Pt. and Kerrystown	107	9	0
Raincliff	23	8	0
Rosewill, Gleniti	196	14	0
Totara Valley	136	3	0
Seadown	46	10	0
Tycho	47	17	0
Waimate proportion	33	8	6
Auction sale at Pleasant Pt.	281	13	9
	£1538	15	1

EXPORT OF TALLOW.

A PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT.

For some months the Government
has been in constant telegraphic com-
munication with the Imperial Govern-

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President Wilson
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