

The Cairo Young Men's Christian Association
WITH THE
British and Colonial Forces in Egypt.

Sunday

April ~~March~~ 18/4/15

Dear Barbara

I was very much surprised to get a letter from you and I am glad to hear you have settled down so comfortable at Simpsons. I expect by the time I get back (but goodness when that will be) you will be quite a good pianist.

Do you have learned to ride Mrs. Simpsons cycle, I guess you would find it a very pleasant ride out to Aro but you want to watch and not go on a windy day as you and the bike might come to grief for the wind blows a Hurricane through there sometimes

I hope you are progressing as well with your cooking as you are with your sewing for I see by the cutting of paper Mum sent me in her last letter that you scored two prizes for sewing.

Now I must tell you something about my self seeing I have not written to you before this.

I have had a fairlie good time of it is a gift since I landed here but it is far too hot for my liking or any one elses. I have been to the Pyramids and climbed to the top of one of them. I am sending you

all some postcards from here so you will presume

I have a good bit of writing to do. I sent Mum a P. C. of the Pyramid I climbed so you will see it on paper at any rate.

Well I will have to stop for a while and have some tea.

Now I will have to Busse for I expect they will be having Church directly and I dont want to disturb anybody by writing while it is on.

Cairo is a great place but there are too many dirty back streets at it for my liking but it opens ones eyes all the same to see life such as it is. We are about six miles from Cairo but there are several townships quite close to the camp some of the names are, Zeitoun, Helipili, Helmeik and several more but I forget how to spell their names. It is a good while since the third reinforcement arrived here and they seem to be settling down alright. The Moavi's only stopped about a week and they went away to Malta I think but am not sure.

I suppose the 4th, 5th, 6th reinforcements
will be on the water now.

Well Barba I don't think there is
much more to say just now
so hoping to be remembered to all
the Waimate folks not forgetting
the ones at home especially
Jack.

I remain

Your Loving Brother
Rangan Ballantyne

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Trooper R. Ballantyne
8th S. M. Rifles

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Trooper R. Ballantyne

8th Mounted Rifles
2nd Reinforcements
G. P. O.
Wellington

Will always find me
not forgetting my number 7/693
King.