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Scraps 10/2/10

My dear mother

The weather is simply beautiful, sun all day
and not too hot. At the beginning of the
week we had one rough day, then very bad,
and rained all night. You have no idea
how nice it is to be back at work, once more
we go out every morning at 9.30 return for
lunch at 1 pm, leave at 2 pm and
get back in time for afternoon tea. Going
hard all day, the time passes very quickly.

Last Sunday was an awful day for me,
we were visited by hordes of Quakers, including
Redwood and Bodley. They came for church
at 10 ~~pm~~ am, the parson was asked especially
to cut the service short as the Quakers wanted
to respect the camp. The whole Brigade
was drawn up for the service, the General and
AFC's in the Centre. At 10.55 the parson was
well in his stride giving his sermon, Bodley
thought he had taken a long time of, so I was
sent to stop him. With a marcher up to
the poor parson, who was in a state of collapse
and yelled at him to stop, the poor man stopped
dead, soaked and gave out the remainder of

The higher By the terrible news were
sniggering it really made quite a good ending
up to the service. Yesterday we went
out for a staff ride to the front trenches, 12 officers
and 4 Naval officers. We left at 9 am
and rode straight to the trenches. The ride
brought down the front line to the extreme right
flank. There are some very wonderful
works. No Surfers in sight in any way, they are
very quiet. In fact there are no shots any
where near. There is no news so I am
afraid my letters will be very short. Two days
after writing of the Surfers sent for our
letters and the boys I sent no more news.

Remember me to all
Yours truly
Arthur

Feb 20th 1916

Dear Mother
Many thanks for your last letter dated Jan 11th, I was so pleased to get it. The marks seem to be much better these days. I'll do the same job tomorrow all day. Last Wednesday we had a big day had a field day against the Infantry. Gave them all they wanted. I was so pleased to hear that the boys have arrived, also that you were pleased with them, they are supposed to be good. I cannot make out what has happened to Thomas's pack, it ought to have arrived weeks ago, it will be interesting if it is lost. Went over to Monaca to see Thomas last week, he was very well, asleep these days.

He did not know me since I have got so much heavier. He is suffering from the same complaint very fat but looks very well. Also I saw Arthur Cargill, he has got a bugger, and is very well indeed. I missed Douglas, as he had gone over to Monaca with his Squadron.

From what I can hear they are both doing very well, and liking their work. I am so sorry to hear about Miss Cargill, poor Sam she seems to have a very hard time. Have seen quite a lot of Major Newton, he is at present in command

I am trying to get a photo of Dad's grave for
you, Malcolm. Ross has a photo of it. I wish
Maurice would be having good use out
of the car. I am so glad you have been
out to my house to lunch, how grand it is having
the boys being in the house you have us
Idea how pleased I am with the idea. I feel
quite sure they will look after the place as
well as the horse. I am very sick to see
that father is going to England to join I call
it a damn shame, too damn proud to join
in the ranks. If he is going to join at all he
might join directly in fact but he will have a lot
of trouble in getting a commission in England.

We are having the most extraordinary weather
out here, very cold and quite a bit of rain.
Shamrock is coming splendidly, hope old Puffin
will not be too old when I return.

I can think of no more news, remember
me to all.

Your loving
Arthur Puffin

Mr. L. E. Thomas
Poplar St.
New Zealand

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CARD 101 v3

Walker Ridge. 28/6/1915.

Dear Mother.

We moved our position today, and as usual it was a big day, there is reserves so that means doing fatigue.

Now it really is scarce that I have nothing ~~to~~ to say, and I have written long letters to Jim ~~and~~ at the beginning of the week. The heat is getting too

hot for words and the men are kept hard at work all day. Well mum forgive me for not writing more but I really can't, remember me to all.

Yours ever

Arthur Rhodes.

Walkers Ridge, July 1st 1915.

Dear Mother. We moved from our last position into the rest camp last Saturday evening, and now we move out again tomorrow to the front trenches, so our rest did not last very long. Things have been looking up since I last wrote and there has been more attacks at various points, not doing any harm but causing pretty heavy losses on the enemy.

Yesterday evening we had rain, for the first time for some weeks, and today we have a grand day, hot sun and everything fresh. Our mail has not arrived for some time, but we hear that it came yesterday with some reinforcements who have arrived.

Yesterday was Moana's birthday, and my job I thought over it, and how I wished I was in Iomani for it, tell her I am writing this at the end of the week.

John has gone off to Alexandria for a holiday, lucky dog, I wish I could have got away with him, a week on the sea would just be grand.

I am wondering if Moana is off to England or not, she would no doubt have a good time. There is no more news so must

away, remember me to all.

Yours ever,
Arthur Rhoads.

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I am quite well.

I have been admitted into hospital

{ sick — } and am going on well.

{ wounded } and hope to be discharged soon.

I am being sent down to the base.

I have received your { letter dated
 { telegram ,,
 { -parcel ,,

Letters follows at first opportunity.

I have received no letter from you

{ lately. —

{ for a long time.

Signature { *Arthur Rhodes*
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OPCARD 101 V3

12/9/1916.

TICKFORD ABBEY,
NEWPORT PAGNELL,
BUCKS.

My Dear Mother.

The weather down here is simply beautiful, and I am having a most awfully good time. I got a cable asking me to write to moama about my health, I did so, which I hope arrived safely. I am quite fit again, have been out shooting, so that is a good sign. I go down to the baldicotts on the 17th for a week, so ought to be well amused as all

the people are down for the holiday. The Godby family go to Manchester, so on the 25th so the have not much more time here.

There are about 25 gunnery billets here, quite interesting, and the captain is coming to stay here on Monday.

There has been quite a number of Lsp raids here lately, people are quite afraid to go back to London. The last one was very serious, went right across the

the centre of London, dropping bombs
round St. Pauls and the City. Have
heard from the Thomas family, they
are all very well, I hope to get down
for a few days. We returned over to
Bedford last Friday, nice little place,
full of soldiers. There is no
news at all so must away. I do
hope you are keeping well. Have
you ever thought of coming over to
England for a trip. I think it
would be an excellent thing.

Yours ever

Arthur Rhodes

leave, so I expect we have
to abide with them. The
wedding I understand was
very quiet, no reception
at all. Relations were
asked to the church, and
I don't even think that they
gave them lunch after.

After all it was the best
thing to have a quiet wedding.
Yesterday evening I went out
to the Milkhires officers
mess for dinner. Had a
very amusing evening,
and came away in a
sober condition, I understand
I am the first guest to have
their mess sober. Quite a
record. No news as to when

ROYAL DORSET YACHT CLUB,
WEYMOUTH.

9/12/1915.

Dear Mother.

Boaring with rain, I have
never seen such a place,
it rains all day and every
day. As for the camp, well
it is terrible, mud everywhere,
and the huts leak very
badly. The men cannot
even keep their blankets dry,
in fact some of the huts
have not a square inch
of dry floor. Marie was
married today, I was very
sick at not being able to
get up, but strict orders are
out about 20 officers having

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we go, everything seems to be at a standstill. Colonel Friday came down here the day before yesterday to inspect the Camp. Mrs Friday is over here and came down yesterday, did you know that he had the C.B. for the work our Regt had done.

I got Sgt Tait, one of the new boys over to Swinton for the week-end and stay with the Thomases, they wanted to find out all about Dad so I thought he would be the best man, he enjoyed himself very much. I am just beginning to get tired of the war, up till now it has been an amusement, but now it is business. Things are not looking as well now as they did.

Another parcel arrived the other day, also a pair of socks from Maama. I am well set up for socks at present, but you soon run through them at the front.

Well I must away, I have no more news, the weather is too bad to, and am fed up with this place, I want to get back to the Regt.

Remember me to all.

Yours ever,
Arthur Rhodes.

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V3

Lat 26th

I have got back from Cairo and the
Dix is camped in a very nice house
north of Jaffa, at 11th street of all
abt this date. The fight on
the 14th gave us much food and
a number of very nice Jewish
Colonies. The Jews were delighted
to see us and gave the men bread
& eat and as much wine to drink as
they wanted, in fact some wanted
more than what they could hold, hence
a few casualties. The Jewish
quarters are very nice, good modern
houses, water laid on, bath in the
houses and in the streets, metal roads
and pavements. The Jews go in
for wine making; ~~and~~ Richon has
the third biggest wine vats in the
world, damned good it is too.
Now march through the main
of a large German of farage insisted
to us having a dinner with him, we
accepted and had a very good meal.

Next day the 16th we motored into Jaffa. At last we have captured a good town, Jaffa is a very nice place indeed, quite a large town and surrounded with oranges.

I have never made such a pig of myself before, we simply gorged on the oranges. Every tree seems to be loaded with fruit, and some of the trees are quite different to the ones you buy in the shops. After we had gorged we went up to the Genoa Consul's house. Here we found the Consul himself, very fat and a big lump on the back of his neck. The house was full of really good things, but we cannot take but these days. All the European houses here are of a very good class, and very comfortable.

I drove Col. Poles into Jaffa in the afternoon, I wanted the Consul to ~~come~~ go and live there.

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The Jaffa
General

next day the General and I went
to Jaffa, and the General raised
the British flag in the Town hall,
it was quite a good show.

on the 7th I was sent off to
Cairo by air of course. and got
back on the 25th did not look much
time. Cairo was very nice for
a change, but was very glad to get
back. The drive down to the

train was most interesting, we went
down the beach road with Gaza.

Gaza is a fine town, and not
so very badly knocked about, though
all the main buildings have had
a good few shells into them.

The city all round is very pretty,
Cairo has come at last ~~and~~ and
the sun is sparkling and crops coming
up.

On arriving back from
Cairo I find the Div had gone to
Jaffa a quarter is a very nice
house, the chief place is the

Bath room, very much in demand

Most of the houses are built
in flats, ~~of~~ each having abt 8 to
10 rooms. There is no man

mess so must arrange, please
explain to him, and woman why
I have not written, it shall be
this note.

Yours ever,

Arthur Thomas Cass

Casino Palace Hotel,

Port Said. 16.6.16.

My Dear Mother.

I am afraid I missed last mail and there is no real excuse, the only thing is that, the weather is so terribly hot, and one cannot sit and write. As you will see

I am still in Port Said, and the General, still in hospital. I believe he will be out on

Monday, ~~and~~ then we will go to Cairo for one night, and on to Alexandria for a week.

The bathing has been very good really the only thing to keep one alive, as the heat is too awful, I don't know what it will be like at Bir-el-matar. I have met such

a heap of nice men since I have been here,

quite some of the nicest men I have ever come across. I made myself known

to the officers of the flying corps, and have practically lived with them, we dine together every night. And also I have been flying quite a lot. It is a marvelous

thing, and I had no idea how steady the machines were, you just glide through the

air. We flew all over port Said, and nearly down to our camp at El-matar.

and inspected the 4.2 men to
12th Reinforcements had just
arrived, we then went on to
Cairo, stayed there the night, the
heat, 115 at 11 am and at
10.30 pm as I went to bed, it was
99, so you can imagine what
it was like. On Friday,
we motored down to Alexandria,
140 miles. Such a hot sun,
and quite a good road, but
the heat was too much.

We fed on figs and melons
all the way down, arriving at
7 pm. The Hotel is simply
brilliant, right on the sea shore,
only 25 yards away. Any amount

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SAN STEFANO

EGYPT

24/6/16

It's the most
interesting thing one can do, and I
would take it up, if I had not
got this job. You will see that
we are now down to Alexandria,
and staying at the most delightful
hotel one could ever wish to
stay at. The General came
out of hospital last Monday,
and he stayed in Port Said until
Wednesday. The Gen is
wonderfully well, and can
do anything. On Wednesday
we went by fish train to Port Said.

of bathing. I have met a
few people down here, so you
can imagine the sport we
have. We got dressed
in bathing costumes at
9.30 this morning, not a bad
one well known, nearly being
Sunday was crowded, and
bathed until ten o'clock.

You cannot imagine the
difference to Bath & Malton.

I hope the General does
not want to return too soon.

The Marquis was in port
yesterday, on her way to England.

The Gen and I went down
and had a look at her,
had a long talk with Tripp

who came and lunched
with us. He has not
been at all well, his eyes
have been troubling him.

Letters from you arrived
today, you all seem very
fit also a parcel of
chocolate. I had a
note from Mr. Hilton
no more news, so must
close. Cheer up.

Arthur Rowan.

To start from the beginning,
we left Akharran on the
evening of the 23rd and
went through to Eracu
continuing on to Ashij
on the 27th. The road
to Ashij is by no means
good, being very rough and
hilly. After a great deal
of trouble I got the three
cars through. Ashij
is an old Turkish outpost,
on the main railway line
which they were making for
the attack on the canal.
There were a number

CABLES
"TURF CLUB, CAIRO"

TURF CLUB,
CAIRO.

21-11-1917.

My dear Mother.

So much has happened
during the last month, that
it is quite impossible to
give you all the news in
a letter. I expect you
have seen of all our great
doings in the papers, and
I expect you have been
pretty anxious. Left
the Division on the 19th, they
were then halted and
camped for a short time
just outside Jaffa.

of quite good buildings and
the houses, also very good
station buildings. The
water down there was very
bad, and the poor horses had
quite a rough time.

Then we struck good metal
roads running to Bensheba.

The attack on Bensheba
was very fine, after a
long night march we
came in touch with the
many patrols 3 miles outside
Bensheba. The day

went well, and by 3:15 the
N-2 got out of the A.H. had

had captured Tel El Saba.

The whole point being
cleared by 9 pm. The
Infantry attacked from the
west which we came in
from the north west.

Bensheba is a damn
dirty place, built on
ground which having
a large tree trunk which
concerns the whole town.

There are quite a
number of good buildings
in Saba, at a few times.

We had very hard

CABLES,
"TURF, CAIRO"

TURF CLUB,
CAIRO.

Fighting road Bushiba
until the 6th when we went
off again - an. Chase.

After leaving Bushiba
we began to get into some
interesting country, and the
further north we got the
better the country became.

We arrived at Mejdal on
the 12 and stayed there two
nights. The rest was very
acceptable, and the horses
picked up wonderfully.

Mejdal is a very nice part
of the country, very good soil

which seems to grow everywhere.

Ranges are beautiful, and
we can get 100 for 1/6,
so we can imagine how
the men go for them, not
having seen any for years.
Askalon ~~Ashdod~~ is quite close
to Medjel, I rode over
there in the afternoon, and
quite with seeing, any
amount of ruins, large
marble pillars lying
everywhere. Ashdod
is quite close to the
north and we advanced
through them on the 12th.

Ashdod is also one of
the old towns talked
of so much in the
Bible. On the 24th
we were at side Ramleh,
then the N. 2. Ashdod had
very heavy cannon
especially the ~~gun~~,
but all the same N. 2.
came at a top, as the
Turks who attacked
left hundreds of dead
in front of our line.