May 10th [1917]

Dear Sister

Just a line or two trusting you are all quite well as this leaves me. I received a letter from you this morning dated April the 16th. I have had 2 letters since I wrote to you last.

So old Jimmie got mine alright. Then I suppose he will soon be in the army now then. So poor old Clarance and Kettle are come to it at last then. I was sorry to hear Herbert’s bad luck with his pigs, but then after all it isn’t much. I suppose Herbert will be alright if he have to go away on his job I think. I would rather have him at home though. I would like to have him at home when I come home if it be my luck to reach there once more, for which I live in hopes.

Let me know if Jimmie Garrod is gone abroad. I think Ted Barnes was lucky getting a month’s holiday. I haven’t seen W Poole yet nor have I seen B Cutting any more. I told you in one of my letters I had seen him. I don’t know if you got it. You ought to have known I had seen him as soon as Mrs Cutting because I wrote almost directly.

So Mr Poole is having worse luck than ever with his horses and one thing and the other. You must have had an awful winter according to all accounts. We have had it hot for 6 weeks out here. I should think we have worn our sun helmets some time now. If we can wash a shirt we can soon get it dry now.

I see Tom Offord the other day. He is alright. He is like me though – he want to get to the old home stead again though. How nice it will be when the time do come. I shan’t mind much if the things are dear. I will pull through as we have done before, though it must be rather a difficult job for you now and several more besides. Let’s hope there are better days in store.

I am not much surprised at Mr Lowther buying Vicary’s farm. It will never be like the same old farm again. I suppose A Garrod and Catchpole keep there still. Do Mr Knight’s keep on the Common still? I was sorry to hear poor Cady was out of work. There ought to be enough for all now I should think. Let me know as soon as you can how H is getting on.

I think according to what little I see and hear the war is going on well in France and as well as we can expect out here I think, so let’s hope it will all soon be to a successful issue.

Give my best to Mr & Mrs Brightwell and all the rest. I must think things are quiet on the poor old Common now. Well I will close now with love to all from

Bro George

I owe Polly a letter. She will think I have forgotten her.