Aug 10th [1917]

Dear Sister

I now take the pleasure of writing a line or two in answer to your letter which I received about a week ago dated July the 8th. I also had one from Polly the same time.

I am rather surprised to hear Sam Collins is coming home from here as there are very few getting leave from here, only those who haven’t had one for a long time. So old Bob Bailey is on his same tale about thatching again this year. I would be glad to do it if I could without the bar, he would find he would have to do without it out here.

I haven’t seen W Barber. I would like to see him. I didn’t know he was out here. I am glad to hear Will Frost is as well as can be expected. I hope he will soon be alright again. So Theodore[?] is gone at last then his people will miss him. I think H Sawyer have done well to stop in England so long as he have.

I am glad the allotment look alright if you were short of peas & I hope you will have enough potatoes. How do Aunt Sarah get on now? I suppose she keep getting about. I shall be glad when the time come I can come and see you all.

We are having it very hot here now and no rain. Tell old Walter this is where he want to bring his tomatoes. Out here they would soon ripen. So you have a few hens lay. I suppose they are the same ones H had when they were young. How are the pigs getting on?

I suppose poor old Mr & Mrs Robinson keep getting about. Do Mrs C Catchpole keep on the Common now? It would seem strange to me to be there. It is dull here but it must be very quiet there now.

Well I think this is about all I can say this time. I want you to write as often as you can and tell me all the news. There is nothing like a letter from home so will close. Give my best to all. I remain your loving bro

George