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Please put a packet or 2 of fag papers in letter perhaps H could get them

Dear Sister

I now take the pleasure of writing a line or two in answer to your letter, trusting you are all well as this leaves me in the best I am glad to say. I received your letter last night. It had only been 17 days coming. You had dated it Oct 24th and the Ipswich postmark was Oct 26th. I think it is the quickest I have had one from England.

It is a bad job for Jack Collins having to go under so many operations; I am afraid he won’t be much good after that. I am surprised at Mrs Catchpole going to Saxmundham. You didn’t say what she was going into. Do Mr & Mrs Barnes live there? I expect H have got rid of his pigs by now. I hope they done him well.

I am sorry him and Mr B have had some words though. What ever was it about? So you don’t get many eggs as usual when they are dear. It is bad you can’t get ten matches or sugar. However do poor Anna manage now things are so queer with poor Edgar at home. I wish he might be able to carry on with his work. I think I must not complain. I get plenty to eat as a rule. There are times when it is a bit rough but I think I must not complain.

Fancy old Fred C talking of a week’s booze[?] up. I am ….

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I have just received Polly’s parcel alright

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….afraid it won’t do now, do things will have to alter very strangely by the time I get home. There isn’t much hope of getting so in Macedonia.

Let me know how W Frost is getting on when you write again. I can’t make out what Jim Keeble it is you say have had 10 days leave. I seem to have lost him somehow. So Mr Cobbold was pretty warm then. We ought to have been a bro & sister of his then things might go up if we could get hold of them.

I keep looking for Polly’s little parcel every day now. It is just about a fortnight since I had her letter.

I hope the air raids will soon be finished in London. They must upset the people very much.

I expect you will have done turniping by the time you get this. Well I think I have said very near all I can find to say this time. Hope Nellie’s young man will get home alright and I hope you will all have a good time of it.

I don’t see any of my Tunstall boys now. I haven’t seen or heard anything of Tom Orford since he went into hospital so I am in an unknown land alone as you might say, but I have plenty of good chums.

Well I think I must close now. Give my best to everyone who should mention me, especially Old Bob & Walter. I suppose Bob is growing wheat this year instead of carrots. Tell him that is what he want to do & ask old Tom if the windmill is still standing in the same place. Well I will close now. Wishing you all a Merry Xmas with love from Bro

George