Dec 8th [1917]

Dear Herbert

I now take the pleasure of writing a line or two to you trusting you one and all are quite well as this leaves me. I was very pleased to receive a letter from you a day or two ago. There is nothing like a letter with home news in it.

I am glad you had pretty good luck with the pigs. I think it is a shame old Bob is so independent. If he had been through what some of us have out here it would alter him. He is too comfortable.

Well I might tell you it is awful cold here now. I hope it won’t last long. We have plenty of good clothes but feel it so after having so much heat. I hope you will have good luck with your little pigs. It is rather a bad time coming for them. I wish I could be at home with you now but let’s hope it is all for good and won’t be so long before I am there. I don’t know who you mean by Pody had to go up again.

I am glad to tell you my knee is alright again. I was afraid it would have been a trouble for life when I hurt it. I don’t like to wish anybody any harm but I would like to see Aubrey have a little soldiering. I don’t see why he shouldn’t.

Well I don’t know that there is much that I want now. I would like to have another watch but it is such a long way to send them. The one you sent didn’t go long. I am trying to take care of it until I come home.

Well I suppose it will be Xmas by the time you get this if not over. I am glad you have got a nice lot of potatoes. Do Catermole have any of the land now? I would just like to be home Xmas so I could go for a spin on one of the bikes if it was fit. I should think there is room for the best one indoors now. I know the shed isn’t fit to keep them in.

Well I can’t tell you much news about the old country. I hope this will be my last winter in it anyhow. I have travelled far enough about in it. I haven’t seen any of the Tunstall boys for a long time now & Tom Orford I haven’t seen him.

Well I can’t say much more this time. I wish you all a good time at Xmas & I hope it will be a prosperous New Year for us all. So will close with love to all from loving Bro

George