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Alexandria

My dear Hazel,

I have just been rereading your letters - nineteen of them - which I received in a huge mail of nearly seventy letters at Lemnos. They were dated from May up to 24th October, and make up a fairly complete series. Of course there are all sorts of news and opinions in them that I would like to comment on and argue about, ~~at~~ but I am afraid I shall have to refrain, as I am in hospital again and not feeling very energetic. Just let me

declared itself as yellow jaundice. I was determined not to have another term in hospital on that hateful island, so I managed to hold out till the anchor was weighed on Monday morning, on the troopship "Ascanius". I got admitted to hospital on board, and was made quite comfortable. We had a good, quick trip of 48 hours, and after spending yesterday in harbour, I was admitted to the 13th General Hospital at midnight last night.

So here I am away

from the company again, just when I was acting in charge of a platoon and promotion was a certainty. Well, it won't be for long. I am recovering already, and hope to join up soon.

Now I am feeling very weak, and must close.

With dearest love to you, my Hazel  
from  
Becil

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