

I hear that Bulgaria is "into it" at last, so Massey's tourists may get another move. I am looking forward to getting back tomorrow. I hope you are having a happy time. The long vac. is a glorious institution with much love from Cecil

Mudros
17 October

My dear Hazel,

I am quite recovered now, and am in the convalescent camp near Mudros. I left the Aust. hospital on Thursday, and am going to rejoin the battalion tomorrow night. I made some good friends in hospital, and was quite sorry to leave, but it was good to get clothes on and go for a walk. I was rather weak at first, but have improved wonderfully. This is rather a rough place, pestered with malingers and fleas, and I was glad when the doctor marked me off this morning. Our lot left the peninsula just a few days after me, and they are still here, away across the harbour, so they

have had a good rest. They have been getting stout, chocolate, butter, gift parcels and what not. Isn't it a shame! They have also been equipped and reorganised, so I suppose there will be no vacancy for an N. B. C., and I will be back in the ranks. I didn't last long enough to get my promotion confirmed. I had been promised sergeant's rank too, just the day before I fell ill.

I met one of our company yesterday, working an oil engine on one of the wharves. He invited me to dinner and gave me some Nelson news. My last appeal to Alexandria for mail was ignored, like the rest, but I believe they are making a register of addresses, to be constantly revised, and have promised better management for the future.