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Dear Mother,

W. d. N. of 76ers, just S. of Factory Corner, 26 Sept.

I am on the honours list at last.

I have had my usual marvellous good luck, or I would not be alive at all, but all the same I am on the roll of honour at last. I am going to cable to you as soon as possible so that you will not be worried about me. I ~~was~~ ^{I should have been blown to pieces,} hit by a bomb ^{as a} exploding ^{ed} right under me, but the only serious wound is in the right foot, which is rather badly shattered. The doctor thinks that amputation will be necessary, but he is trying to do without it. Well, if there is a trip to N.Y. attached to it, I will not complain. The boys made another successful advance, and that's the main thing. I think they will be getting back for a rest today. It is rather annoying to miss my commission, which I would have got this week. This is a good home, and I think I will be here some time before getting across to Blighty. Don't worry, Mother, I am very comfortable. Love to all from
Beal.

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