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Sunday.

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My dear Hilda.

News of Jan 30th to hand last week, on Wednesday last, 22-3-16, for which, many thanks.

I like getting your cheery letters very much, and the snaps were very good, and I like having them. The same day I received a letter from Selwyn with a small photo. enclosed of himself.

I think he has grown into a fine lad, and I follow his constant successes with much interest. I consider he has a good future in front of him. As you see from the

above address, I am still in training in England, and I have no idea when my turn will come to cross the seas to do my share of the work that is still ahead.

But of this I am confident, that, sooner or later, my turn will come, and then things will begin to move with a vengeance.

I am enjoying excellent health now, in fact, have been for a long time now, better than I ever had when at sea.

I thought the photos of yourself and your little daughter are excellent, you must have great pleasure in her company, and as she grows older, you will have still greater pleasure in watching her progress. Gertrude's daughters are a great success, and I am sure she finds great interest in all their doings.

My life, since I joined the Army, has been one huge holiday, extending now almost into the 12th month; I was commissioned on April 29th of last year, so it is high time I was away & fighting.

I continue to make lots of friends in this country, and have run up against a very decent set of young fellows here in this camp, and there is no doubt that, every day, I look upon old England more & more as my home, or, at least, I should say, my Headquarters.

I am glad to hear that Mother & Father are progressing well; poor old Dad, he has had a hard time & a rather sad end to an active and industrious life. Yes! I have lost a good many of my chums in this awful war, both in this country, & my old school chums in N. Z. Several of my ship-mates of "Clan" line time have gone, both Army & R.N.R. officers.

The winter here has been of a very trying nature, but the sunshine is now beginning to break forth occasionally which is very gratifying to us all. Best love Hilda to you, to Bill, Constance & all at home from your affec. brother, Cedric.