

Ontario Military  
Orpington Kent England  
Nov 11 1916

This is for the family  
please do  
not print  
Best to  
Mrs Mc.\*  
Do write  
often  
& send  
paper<sup>†</sup>

Let Mrs Mc<sup>‡</sup> Read this  
as I may not be able to write soon<sup>§</sup>

My dear J, Dad & Percy  
Re<sup>\*\*</sup> a letter from you mon<sup>††</sup> last for  
which I am truly thankful. It seems  
such a long time between them and  
the papers I look for in vain.  
I did not go to Bramshott as I rather  
tho[ugh]t I would on my "day off" Do not  
know yet whether the 147<sup>th</sup> is over or not  
Miss Lawrence told me the other  
day that a Miss Olive? Kilbourn was here  
and also that a P[riva]te Moffat an O.S.<sup>‡‡</sup> boy  
had been here for a long while as a  
patient. I did not see either of  
them much as I would have like to.  
Do you ever hear of John Sutherland (Jr)  
If he is in England I might see him sometime  
Ask his mother for his number & Batt.

Send this to W & A in will  
Save my writing another<sup>§§</sup>

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\* Mrs. Arthur McArthur of Annan, ON

† Written vertically at top of page

‡ Mrs. Arthur McArthur of Annan, ON

§ Written in two lines along top of crease

\*\* Received

†† Monday

‡‡ Owen Sound, ON

§§ Written vertically along outside edge near bottom

My pen scratches so shall use this. So I did  
not tell you about the [?] boys being here  
They came Sat night Sun a.m. I had  
a Sgt. show them around. In the p.m.  
I hired a car & took them for a nice long ride  
my roommate came too. I had the chaffeur  
drive us to the Golfclub where we had  
afternoon tea we then walked to the  
station as it was Just about train time  
mac & I came home & that was our "wonderful  
time" of course is cost me some money  
but there was nothing I could do to [?]  
them and then being a sister of W. & A I  
wanted to do it right. Between you & I they  
are "mutts"

I must tell about my trip to London the  
other day. Left here 9:30 – has been on duty all  
night. London about 10:30 first called a theatre  
& enjoyed seats for the matinee "Happy  
day" It is awfully good The costumes  
& music are beautiful perfectly lovely

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What is the matters with  
Sir Sam he is making rather  
[?] speeches?<sup>\*\*\*</sup>

the scene is in a palace and every  
thing is magnificent. I wont say what  
the seats cost. Anyway after settling  
about the seats we decided to visit Saint  
Paul[ 's Cathedral. It is wonderful I am  
sending a booklet which shows it very  
well only not nearly as beautiful as the  
reality. We first walked around the  
main parts of the building Oh the windows  
the coloring & the beauty of it!! Then the  
monuments of so many great men and so  
many beautiful pieces of architecture  
Next we went to the Library. Then to the  
whispering gallery This is very high up in  
the building. Not a gallery where people sit  
for service Just room to walk around & a

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seat all the way around the wall  
As we reached the opposite side from  
where the guide was standing for instance  
[<sup>†††</sup>] It is round you see everything was very

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quiet no one speaks aloud. A voice said  
“sit down & put your left ear to the wall” The voice  
was low & one looked everywhere for the speaker  
we knew of course it was the guide at the  
opposite side. we did as we were told and  
could hear distinctly what he said The  
wall is stone & very damp. St Pauls is the  
second largest in the world The other cathedral  
being in Rome. It took 35 years to build  
From there we went (forgot to say that the guide  
speaks to the wall on the other side – quite close  
I mean his face is quite close to the wall. I stood  
afterward near him as he talked to another  
group) to the Tower – 375 steps up were  
we tired – Yes!! It was worth it tho  
we then had lunch. cold chicken & celery  
rolls & butter coffee & tart we enjoyed  
it too it is so good to get something beside  
army rations – theatre Dinner & back  
to Orpington Oh, so tired.

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now I must hurry in order to get this away  
in tonights mail for the mail boat you  
should get it in less than two weeks  
I am on my own old ward (13) much to my  
delight. You see it is not customary for a sister  
to go back to her old ward after night duty especially  
if she has been in charge. The M.O.<sup>†††</sup> Capt[ain] Fallis  
asked for me also the supervisor & other nurse on  
the ward which is quite a compliment. The  
matron came on the ward this a.m. & said  
“well sister D you are back home again” &  
was very pleasant. The other sister spoke up & said  
matron Smith we are happy now This is heaven

The first day I was back we had a regular  
celebration every one telling me how glad  
they were Capt F came & shook hands Then  
Capt Gunn came in to say how glad he was also  
another M.O. I am putting it on too deep  
as really they made no end of a fuss  
I just wish you could have been on  
the ward (7) the morning I left there

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they wanted me to take another month  
on nights but as I knew I was to go on 13 I  
said I could not. The boys said they  
would petition the C.O. of course I laughed  
at them but the funny part was one  
chap got a crutch and the others (one  
leg one eye) etc, etc. sat around and  
while he with the crutch beat time  
They sang in the most mournful wail,  
“Farewell Farewell my own true love”  
“you taught us how to love you now how can  
we forget” It was really to[o] funny for  
words. The sister from the opposite ward  
came over to enjoy the fun cant you  
picture that chap with the crutch beating  
time? Evidently they didn’t dislike me too much  
must write Emma & the boys inside the next  
40 min so must hurry. My roommate got  
a lovely box of chocolates from home – so much  
nicer than English. a hint for christmas!  
How about “Polly Anna” please do not forget  
Am going to mail my pkg’s this week  
This is a most gorgeous day, Indian summer  
Love Euphie

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<sup>†††</sup> Drawing of a circle with two dots on opposite ends; one marked  
us the other labeled guide

<sup>†††</sup> Probably refers to Medical Officer