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Orpington Kent Eng
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Dear Mrs McArthur

You see I am back at dear old "Orpy" every thing here is lovely and luxurious. It like a little bit of heaven after France. Comfortable beds, hot water & bath rooms etc. etc. I certainly appreciate it as never before. Yesterday I heard a girl criticizing things in general and found out she had only been over from Canada a few months. I was glad when some one took her up and told her a few things about France such as no baths, granite mugs & plates etc etc. There certainly is not much reason for criticism here.

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I wrote you I think that I had been recalled to England here our chief was very good to me gave me leave at once altho I did not ask for it Then said "certainly" I might go to my own unit which was something as "I have heard" she is not always so gracious On coming here the matron mark you actually embraced me of course I almost swooned in her arms but recovered in time to tell her how please I was to be back. She posted me next day for the Operating Room (between you & I this is

Supposed to be a compliment)
I would much rather be on
The wards with the Tommy's
now of course the work is
good for me in the O.R.

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It requires a brushing up generally one forgets many little things in the rush of nursing up the line and it will do me good I know Just before going back to private nursing. The big question is am I going back to private nursing I think sometimes but again I must do something I will not decide until I go home I guess you are anxious to know whether I am contemplating anything else or not Well I am not nothing like that for me perhaps I have been foolish but I do not think so.

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I have no idea when I am going home a few are being boarded every day but so far I have heard nothing

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It might be any day however It is quite a problem going home Too. Percy is alone and really needs me – is it not so? Yet I cannot remain there very well at any rate I want to see the other members of the family & so will feel like going West my letters travel so far before They reach me that many of them get lost I think my last from Jessie was written

on Christmas night
I want you to thank Arch
for me for the papers. I do
appreciate getting them
more than I can tell you
I pass them on to other sisters
or patients from Grey.
I received the parcel a few
day ago with stockings
handkerchiefs & calendar. The

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snap is simply sweet of
Mayme & the boys not to
Mention the dog. It is hanging
in my room & you may
be sure I often look at
it.

I have not received the box
from the church or W.P.L. as
yet. but they will come yet
as I received a Christmas
letter or card almost every
day.

I must tell you about some
nice people I know. A year
ago land November I had an
officer patient come in (I was
in Belgium then at Casualty
Clearing) he was terribly
Wounded, leg & arm compound
fractures both eyes apparently
gone & simply soaked in
mud generally we did

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all we could for him, kept him
for a week until he was fit to
travel sent him to a special
Eye Hospital from then until
new years eve This year I heard
nothing of him. Then I heard
he was at St. Dunstans so I
went to see him. One eye has

been removed but with the
other he can see daylight
from dark that is about all
He is in splendid condition
otherwise. He was please
to see me & I am so
proud of him he insisted
upon taking me to meet his
wife they have a nice flat
& she is a charming girl
He is from Toronto & she by
the way is a daughter of
Mr Verity the plough man
Really they are the most

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charming people I have met
for a long time. I had them
as guests on mess night <for dinner> &
for

the dance They dance very
very well. he although blind
was I think the best dancer
here. It was quite amusing
so many people say we look
alike I was asked many
times if he was my brother
I felt compliments I assure
you he is a fine looking big
chap. He is studying Brail
short hand & will soon finish
his course.

My pen is going dry so I must
Stop as I have no ink here I
am in the Operating Room. After
hours every one has gone.

Three years tomorrow since I
joined the army & my watch
is going splendidly Heaps of love
Euphie