

March 4 1917
O.M.H.* Orpington

Dear Mrs McArthur
Your last letter rec'd[†] yesterday
I am afraid there was one other I
had not answered. It is very very
kind of you to write me so often I
appreciate it beyond words.
It has turned very cold this p.m.
and everyone is going around
shivering. The morning was
so very bright and sunshiny
one feels the cold all the more
I am sitting as close to the
radiator as possible and have

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my writing case on my knee. This is
Sunday 5:30 I came off duty 3:30 for the
remainder of the day and have accomplished nothing
so far The Padre wants me to go to the ward
about 630 for service but I do not think
I shall as I intended going to the 730
service in the hall It will be C of E[‡] but
I am beginning to like their service
at first I did not enjoy it at all.
We have such a nice chap in the ward
a chum of Donalds he speaks nicely
of Donald too I shall be so glad when
he (Don) gets leave I shall try to get a
few days then. If it happens that he gets
leave when mine is due we can spend
it all with each other.
Who do you suppose came to see me
Past eve?!! I was on the ward &
as I came out to the Corridor an officer
who was standing there said is
Sister Denton here of course I said I am
sister D do you wish to speak to me &

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* Ontario Military Hospital

[†] received

[‡] Church of England

led the way to the office. At any
rate we carried on the conversation
for a minute or so I saying I
had never in my life seen him
& he saying I might to know
him perfectly well etc etc
He the officer was Capt
Sutherland (Jimmie!!)
I was absolutely dumfounded
He is a fine looking great big
fellow quite fleshy I should
say weighs 190 or some where
there

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Best
regards
to
Arthur
Arch
& John[§]

He stayed for dinner and
all night we were having
a party for out matron &
sisters who had been up to
Buckingham Palalce being
decorated

Jim is a great big boy – that
is all I can say I could no
more imagine him as a Dr
than I could – well I cannot
find words to express my
ideas. I could but I do not want
to put it on paper is more like it

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now I have said too much please do not repeat
it

The most excitement lately was on Thursday
About 10:30 a.m. a very large French air ship
Passed over quite low in about a half hour a

[§] Written vertically across top of page

plane or Zeppelin passed, also French
This proved to be really German flying
French colors and dropped Bombs a
very short distance away. Why they were
not dropped on us is more than we can
fathom they must have seen these
enormous buildings as it was
quite low. You see they were using
the french airship as a shield. Three
of our sisters were at Margate a week ago
during the Raid there and describe it
as a horrible experience.

I felt very badly the other day upon
receiving a letter from home. W. says they
are thinking seriously of selling but that
father does not want to as long as I
object & he W thinks it very unfair
of me to object when I do not want to

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stay there myself. Now I would
not for the world stand in the
way of their bettering themselves
I wrote immediately saying decide
without once thinking of me. I did
not even say I would feel badly
But really it will break my
heart to go home again and no
home there please do not mention
this to J as it might influence them
and I want them to forget me when
it comes to deciding what they shall do
They will feel as badly as I if it must
be done bless their hearts. I hope
they will not think that I do not
care at all.

_____ | Write when you can
please kind regards to Mrs Campbell & Mrs Day
Best to Mayme Love as ever Euphie