

From 103009 bpl H. T. Holt Accompany 55th Battalion
Intermediate Base Egypt 9.6.16

Dear Fannie just a few lines to let you know how things
are going on with us over here. The weather is very hot and
we are all anxiously waiting to leave Egypt for home. We
are in fact we are on the verge of sailing for home
but things happen that unexpectedly nowadays that if
we build on any move we get disappointed. Another six
months in Egypt and we will all be as poor as church
mice. We get all sorts of dates as to our probable sailing
date but honestly fear it cannot come quick enough for us.
Those of the boys that stopped behind at El. El. Kiber all
joined up the Battalion & went to France some most likely
to England and have seen some fighting while we have
been stuck here in Egypt. Our company Sergeant Major
of the 7th of the 17th went to France & has been wounded
twice under 2 operations & now awaiting his third operation.

Someday we will get there I expect. Well Fannie I have
some good news for you & that is that I have been made
a Corporal now at the rate of 10/- per day. I wrote you
a few days ago stating that you should get so much I
made a mistake. I'll try & explain it all now up till
the 31st of May you should have been receiving 5/9½ per day
that equals 2-0-6½ per week and my deferred pay was 1/- per
day. From the 1st June you should get a different sum it is
this way. Until I get 8/- per day you draw 1/5 yourself per day
and 4½ per day for Little Mona.

5-9-16
2-0-6½

Remember me to all in London & give Little Thoma a kiss or two for me & thank you very much

Now that I receive rate of pay I should like that 1/5 per day & also 4 1/2 per day for home leave as soon as I can make out an allotment form I shall do so but in the meantime keep account of all your amounts. If any thing occurs see that it gets fixed up you do not tell me that you get the money alright but as no news is good news I suppose it is alright. How are you getting on with Mrs Lewin Joe tells me her wife was going up & see you so she does not forget to mention it to him. We are as safe as pie in Egypt but as discontented as a shut up rabbit. I have only received 3 of your letters and I shall have to go crook on you if you do not make sure of the address some of your papers were addressed 4 Brigade that's wrong in any case but put the Brigade out altogether. This may be the last letter from me for a long time as we shall be unsettled for some time when we do move. I received a letter from the Aunt in England & she is going to write to you to Harold's address so that you should visit there sometimes for letters. I have sent a great many letters to you addressed there so that do not think that I am not writing. Always one a week as there is something stopping me if I do not so that some go astray about that long letter I wrote you one ten pages and you have not received so that's how things happen. Well this is all for a while from your Loving Husband Herb.

From No 3009 Cpl. H.T. Bolt A Company 55th Battalion
Intermediate Base Depot, Egypt 9-6-1916

Dear Jeannie,

Just a few lines to let you know how things are going on with us over here. The weather is very hot and we are all anxiously waiting to leave Egypt for some better climate, in fact we are on the verge of sailing for ***** but things happen that unexpectedly nowadays that if we build on any move we get disappointed. Another 6 months in Egypt and we will all be as poor as church mice. We get all sorts of dates as to our probable sailing date, but honestly Jean, it cannot come quick enough for us. Those of the boys that stopped behind at Lil El Kebir all joined up the Battalion and went to France, some most likely to England and have seen some fighting while we have been stuck here in Egypt. Our Company Sergeant Major of the 7th of the 17th went to France and has been wounded, been under 2 operations and is now awaiting his third operation. Someday we will get there I expect.

Well Jean, I have some good news for you & that is that I have been made a Corporal now at the rate of 10/- per day. I wrote you a few days ago stating that you should get so much, I made a mistake. I'll try and explain it all now. Up till the 31st May you should have been receiving 5/9 1/2 per day, that equals \$2-0-6 1/2 per week, and my deferred pay was 1/- per day. From the 1st June you should get a different sum, it is this way until I get 8/- per day you draw 1/5 yourself per day and 4 1/2 per day for Little Mona. Now that I receive rate of pay at 10/- per day, you should lose that 1/5 per day and also 4 1/2 per day for Mona so that as soon as I can make out an allotment form I shall do so, but in the meantime keep account of all your amounts. If anything occurs see that it gets fixed up. You do not tell me that you get the money alright, but as no news is good news I suppose it is alright. How are you getting on with Mrs Lewin? Joe tells me his wife was going up to see you, so she does not forget to mention it to him. We are safe as pie in Egypt but so discontented as a shut up rabbit.

I have only received 3 of your letters and I shall have to go crook on you if you don't make sure of the address, some of your papers were addressed 4 Brigade, that's wrong in any case, but cut the Brigade out altogether.

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Remember me to all at home & give Little Mona a kiss or two for me and these for yourself.
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