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My dear wife

I received your letter dated July 20th also
the parcel containing towel, socks & tobacco.
I have got two parcels from you to date.
Well dear about sending parcels, I have as
many socks as I require for the present,
and as we have to carry everything about
with us, dont send any more meantime, also
about tobacco, although we dont get McDonalds
we get as much as we can use of other
kinds, so there is no use of you spending
your money, sending that, but, a little
cake, if you could make it in a little
tin, and send it tin and all, would be very
acceptable, as of course we dont get anything
of that kind; I am sorry to see that they
have reduced your P. Y. so much, I thought
they had deducted for the two children
in the spring, and it seems to me that
they have stopped the allowance for them
thereover, It doesnt seem fair to me,

as I have to keep up my end of the bargain
they might keep theirs. Glad to see that Mr
McBain, is only a prisoner, although that is
bad enough, still, they can only keep him
until the end of the war, and he is two
years ahead of these poor fellows who were
captured at the retreat from Mons. Yes this
is rather a hard life, long marches in
heavy marching order, sleeping in damp dugouts,
etc, it is a wonder there is not a lot of
sickness, but there isn't, it is wonderful what
men can stand, except for my deafness, I am
in the best of health. I am getting used to
hearing shells explode now but still I don't
like it, they are nasty things when they drop
near, still Fritz, has to stand more of that
than we have, and I don't suppose he likes it
either. Prunje is praising Loggie & Jim for
the way they have worked in the gardens
they are good workers, and I hope they have
good results. I am glad to see that you are
taking an interest in things again, I was afraid
it would crush you entirely, as it must have
been an awful blow. I don't know that I have
much more to say, I hope the war won't last
long, and that I will be beside you before
long.

Your ever loving husband

Jimmy