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To S. Y. 1292.

Pte. J. Harvey.

R. Coy. Batt.

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A. I. F. ABROAD.

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 selection of a very modern city
 in the towns in the Middle East. The
 only Jews and even though there is not
 much English spoken it is simply great to stroll down
 the wide well kept streets and have all the passers
 by dressed in good clothes and themselves clean looking.
 In most towns over here an Arab is always pestered
 by dirty natives who are trying to sell things.
 I travelled through quite a lot of Palestine and I think
 if it weren't for some many Arabs and their camels
 I would have thought that I was back in Syria.
 Syria is much the same as Palestine that is in scenery.
 It is probably a little more mountainous. There are some
 beauties just after you pass the border. I've seen
 a few towns here but can't mention their names. They
 are much the same as the ordinary Arab town. There is still
 that horrid smell and the flies.

Well Bryant I'm afraid this is all for the
 time. Fred is in hospital at present nothing serious. He
 should be back soon.

Cheris for now Old Pat.

Remember me to the left
 girls & any others who know me.
 Jim.

Sincerely Yours,
 Jim Harvey.

In Association with A.C.F.



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My strength is as the strength of ten,
because my heart is pure"

- Syria -

5X1292 Pte J Harvey
No. 8 Platoon H. Coz
10th Battalion
A. F. F. Abroad.
Armistice Day. 1941

Dear Bryant,

No doubt you have been wondering just what has happened to your letter, or me. Well I'm pretty ok. and your letter (written 1st of April) is somewhat the same, even though it has been at the bottom of the sea. Yes I guess some huns bombed the old ship that was carrying your letter, and down went the ship, letter and all. Fortunately the mail bags are fairly watertight, and the letters therein when the sea wage people rescued them were pretty ok. I'm enclosing the front portion of your letter, but they got through as they came on a different boat. Thanks a lot for them Bryant. Don't know whether you are still at Jolme or not. However I'm sending this there, as they'll send it on to your home address if you have left there. I hope you are still there though as it's a great place to work at. I found it a very pleasant job anyhow.

Now for a drop of news. You'll see by the heading that I'm in Syria. So not a bad place at all. Much better than where I was a few months ago - The Western Desert. No doubt you've read a lot about that place in the Western Desert. The papers sure give it a wrap up. So I won't say much about it, except that it wasn't at all pleasant, and I was very glad to get out of it after so many months. I was in Palestine before Syria. It's quite a nice place very green, and pleasant looking. Had two days leave to



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Tel Aviv. Fred only had one day, but we had a pretty good time just the same. Tel Aviv is a very modern city so different from other towns in the Middle East. The people are mainly Jews, and even though they don't speak much English, it's simply great to stroll down the wide well kept streets, and have all the passers by dressed in good clothes, and themselves clean looking. In most towns over here an Aussie is always pestered by dirty natives who are trying to sell things.

I travelled through quite a lot of Palestine, and I think if it weren't for some of the things in Australia, in fact I would have thought that I was back in a Aussie. Syria is much the same as Palestine, that is in scenery. It is probably a little more mountainous. There are some beauties just after you pass the border. I've seen a few towns here, but can't mention their names. They're much the same as the ordinary Arab town, they're still that horrid smell, and the flies.

Well Bryant I'm afraid this is all for the time. Fred is in hospital at present working, serious. He should be back soon.

Cheerio for now Old Pal.

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Sincerely Yours,

Jim Harvey.

Jim

to

Dear Bryant.

This is part of
the envelope you sent my
letter in. The stamp was
missing when I received it
also all the gum had come
unstuck due to the dampness
whilst in the mail bags
at water.

Cherio.

Jim