

Military Camp,
Bathurst,

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53 Bⁿ 14th Brigade
5th Division

A.I.F.
On active service
Abroad

My Dear Father & Mother

July 8th

We arrived here

safe & sound, the night we came here we all went to bed at Mc Sorley's, got up about 8 o'clock and had breakfast and came into camp about 9 o'clock, There were about half our company back then the others have^{been} coming ever since, but are not all here yet. We have to march up this evening and get our flag and I suppose we will marching about the town most of the evening. To morrow we have to go out to the Rifle Range and finish our shooting Soldiers are not supposed to embark till they have fired 80 shots out of the service rifle, and they have only just found out that our company have only shot 245 each so we have to do the rest to morrow, it is hard luck, our last day here and the girls down and all and us not to get our half holiday, but I suppose it is no use growling

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As our Officer said this is no time
for fun, it is War time. As I told you per
wire, we leave here 9, 30 Monday morning
and leave Sydney 6 o'clock Tuesday morning.
There are only 306 all told going on the boat
so we ought not to be overcrowded.
Maud & Polly are not going to Sydney, they
expect to be home Monday Night on the
9 o'clock. Well we have put the evening in
and I am finishing this letter off at
Mc Sorley's Hotel tonight. I received
your letter tonight, sorry you are not
coming down, but very likely it is for the
best, as it would only be a another parting
and very likely you may not even see
me at all as we will only have one night
in Sydney. There are only 300 going on the
boat altogether, so we should have a pretty
fair time. I don't where will be the first
place we will get mail, but I will write
every chance I get, this address is supposed
to find us anywhere in the world, it is long
enough, it should do anyhow.

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Well I have not finished this yet & this
Sunday Night. I will give it to Maud
to take home. I think my next chance
of writing will be from Capetown.
The Officer told us today that he don't
think we are going to call at any Australian
Ports after we leave Sydney. But you can
depend on me writing every chance I get
as I will be always thinking of the
loved ones at home. I sincerely hope
that before long you will both go for a
trip, as you want a holiday, and deserve
one, if ever anyone in this world did.
I hope you will not be worrying over me
as I feel well, and will look after myself
and I feel that will not be long before
we will all be free once more, and the
war over. Well my Dear Parents
I will say Good bye
Your Loving Son
R Bryant