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Dear Cousin Bertha

Just a few lines to you  
in answer to letter which wrote to me while  
at the Dardanelles I have ~~the~~ only  
just received it to day while in  
hospital in England I have just  
recovered from ~~some~~ Enteric fever and  
will be England while the winter is  
on so you can write to ~~add~~ I will  
give you at the end of this letter I am  
having a good time in the hospital  
here. I have also been in the hospital  
in Malta & was on my back in Malta  
for ~~the~~ twenty five days before I was  
allowed to sit up But I am quite  
strong again now so all well that ends  
well I have been in England before  
when I was wounded to know the Run  
of the Place I hope you are well I  
had a letter from Pearl saying Miss was  
very ill that was in Sept some time

So I Don't know how she is now  
letter I hope just before I left Australia  
I was in Sydney about two months before  
I was only there for a couple of Days then I  
went onto Queensland where I joined my  
Batt you know I was soldier before  
when there were 10000 in NSW  
so it was not new to me I have had some  
narrow shaves since I landed at the  
Dardanelles I lasted four Days before I  
was wounded I was one of the first to land  
my company was 1 of the companies picked  
to land went right through that terrible  
first Sunday the word confusion it was a  
perfect Hell But I never felt fear at any  
time no one had time to be scared it was  
shoot all the time my hands were blistered  
from holding the Rifle with wasted hot  
I was on the right flank with had all the  
hand fighting the tanks shelled us all Day  
and we had no artillery only Rifles so  
you can guess what sort of time we had  
I was hit in the head just above the right eye  
but it all right now and flesh wound in

the Back But that was not much of a  
wound I could go on writing all Day about  
that few Day But it would take up too much  
time so I will write a Bit about My self in  
stead I have not met you But some Day I  
have Pleasure of seeing you some Day if  
God wishes I will send you a Photo of  
My self taking in England when Here before  
it is a bit knocked about but it has been in  
My Pocket since I had it taken and that is  
nearly six months ago and some of the time  
was at ~~the front~~ you will have to excuse  
it when you get it you won't be able to say  
you have not seen me it is not a very good  
one as it was taken in English uniform as  
all My Australian uniform was torn to pieces  
there is no more news this time I will write  
again and let you know how I am getting on

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A Coy  
9 Inf  
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Good night from your  
Cousin Hubert  
with love

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