

Letters from Owen Beaumont Gentle to Martha Mackay

Dear Doll

21/2/17

Just a few lines thanking you very, very much for the book of Fragments, I think it is A1 and all the fellows have had a look at it and wanted to know if they could get one sent out weekly, but I expect it only comes out about once a month if as often as that. It was laying on the table when two of our officers came in to use the telephone, and I wondered what they were doing a grin at they had got the blooming book and there they sat for an hour, and when they did go they, asked me if they could borrow it to let the Major have a look, so it is seeing life on the quiet. Nothing could give you a better idea of the things that go on out here than that. There is another book called 'blighty' which is A1. I don't know whether you have seen it, but we got it supplied every week free of charge and its worth reading. Well I expect the skating has just about finshed your way now, our ice has all turned to mud again, and is raining pretty hard today for a change, but it is the first we had had for over a month so its not so bad, and I have got a job in the day for 24 hours. You must scuse the dirty paper etc as we are burning wood and the fire wants making up about every 2 or 3 mins. I have just managed to answer a letter I had from Judy just after Xmas. So Cheero

Heaps of Love and xxx

To All xxxxxxxx

Bro Owen

Dear Dol

29.6.17

I am awfully sorry I haven't answered your letter better (lost it) before but I have had a bally job to find anything to write about.

"What" but I s'pose my letters (Some letters) go round the 'ouse, so you must scuse, and hope for the best (Did you say lately it has been some Soaks). Don't you think I have been having a decent old time here, but it is getting short now, and I am expecting to go in about a weeks tim, but it will be a change, which they say is as good as a rest. I expect you have all been putting in a bit of overtime at the fair, some in the 'T. Tent and some on the 'osses. But as I told Kit I am going to have a fair specially made when this wicked war is over just for the Gentle family. If we have to finish the school treat swings and paint one of the prolony's piebald to run round with the old chaff cutter thing that used to be up the farm. And use the cow as curiosity show (Blimy, 'ows that) Well my Love, it is nearly time for lights out (I mean the electric lights) So scuse again, and Cheero

Heaps of love and

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Bro Owen