

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SEND ANY MORE THINGS FOR ME, PLEASE GIVE SOCKS AND FRESH TROUSERS, STRIPS OF LEATHER IF THEY CAN BE FOUND, SO THAT I MIGHT TRY TO MEND MY SHOES, THEY ARE IN A SORRY STATE AND I AM LUCKY TO HAVE ANY AT ALL, THANK YOU FOR THOSE ARTICLES OF FOOD THAT WERE SENT LAST POST, I SHARED THEM WITH MY PARDS AND WE WENT AT LEAST FOR A WHILE ON HAPPY STOMACHS.

THE LIEUTENANT SAYS THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE A BATTLE, AND I AM STRANGELY UNAFFECTED, ON THE RECEIPT OF THIS, A CALMNESS HAS COME OVER ME AND ONLY IN THE FACT THAT I SEEM TO HAVE PUT ON THE AIR OF COMPLETE INDIFFERENCE TO DYING AM I IN THE LEAST DISQUIETED, NOT AT ALL LIKE SEVEN PINES WHEN I COULD NOT STOP SHAKING ALL THE BEGINNING OF THE BATTLE. WHAT WILL TOMORROW BRING? I CANNOT HAVE ANY NOTION, BUT I PRAY THAT WE WILL ACQUIT OURSELVES AS WELL AS EVER WHATEVER THE OUTCOME.

I HAVE ONLY TIME TO WRITE THESE FEW MORE LINES BEFORE PICKET DUTY, SEND MY LOVE TO ALL AND GOD BLESS YOU.

AFFECTIONATELY, YOUR SON J.D.P

