Letter. 130

Can. Stevens Hospital
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Dear Mother

Yesterday I didn't really get a chance to send off a letter & this morning work starting to all our Belgian friends over here. Dr Temple told me the good news; isn't it simply splendid? I never believed Leaving anyone was a prisoner could cause so much joy — but it just goes to prove how we can change our minds on occasion; Dr Temple as his wound was mentioned in the dispatches & after the C. O.'s letter I think there is every chance of Temple having been taken prisoner un-hurt. You will have had by this time my letter telling you I had made all arrangements for a parcel to be sent, also cigarettes & bread — & have written

Temple to let me read anything he wants. Karlsruhe undoubtably is one of the most comfortable camps, & I have heard more liberty is granted there than most places. What a relief to hear something definite - & really in my heart of hearts, and had we known it by this time, I think it is the very best thing that could have happened, for it is the only chance a pilot in a single seated fighting machine has of being alive after the war. And while the boy may have had to go without, the R.F.C. people have less than most from all accounts, & more liberty. It will be such a comfort to hear from the boy himself, though I realize because he can say very little & looking against the place. However he need say nothing anti-Hun, & if he is allowed to play tennis, etc, & can write & obtain food & comforts, we will feel it might be worse.

because he is probably very disappointed at being sent back ; it all however he always has made the best of any unfortunate situation, & we can only hope & pray his cheerful disposition will keep him over any hard road ahead.

Your letter No. 131 turned up yesterday, & was a surprise I understand about your Xmas greens mentioned in the following letter. And so glad you had gas this time, though even so it is a nerve racking business, especially keeping you waiting so long.

As to the dentists, I have splendid ones in London (Americans) but — their prices are something awful. Some of the girls at No 7 Hyde Park went & took out got away under £9 0s 0d even when nothing more than fillings were done, & this he charged a special rate - I went & had my teeth examined & to fix up everything it would have cost less than £15 0s 0d & probably more so as at that time there was a chance of getting home I waited & now am going to big & have them done in France. Did tell his fiancé that. Then go to a 2nd rate dentist,

but certainly dark in hand to pay
that much if I can help it.
The only thing of interest that has
happened since I last wrote was
our trip to Eastbourne, which was a
great success, & Robin thoroughly
appreciated the outing. We arrived
there about four - had a light tea,
wandered around the parade,
went out in a boat for ½ hr. & then
had dinner, going home by a
different road. We really passed
some pretty houses, & I
imagine for people of moderate
incomes that I have seen anywhere
else in England, with here & there
gorgeous estates scattered. Of course
the country especially the gardens
are a little dull now, for the trees are
in full bloom, & it has been a
wonderful year for them.
Well I think that I went to
bed at this time.
My very best love to Uncle George
& always for yourself
With very lovingly Lottie.
P.S. Have written Cousins - Harry - Walter - Mabel,
Mrs Corbin - Mrs Arnold - Mrs Harper. Will
write to-day Mrs Webb.