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<p>May 6th 1887</p>	<p>Lichfield Barracks</p>	<p>Well Miss Jones. I suppose (sic) I must wright (sic) to you or you will not be satisfied. I got everything that was sent to me - I got the wedding cake from you and some from Jim as well. Our chaps are shifting under canvas today for one munth (sic). I think I must give out - I have nothing to say. I must fill up the paper some way or other, or you will say I have not sent you enough. I can 'ardly (sic) keep from laughing, I don't know about you. There, I think I have manadged (sic) it.</p> <p>George G.A.Jones Corporal</p> <p>PS Rather businesslike for a loving brother. Ah well, it's all right, I suppose (sic). I hope they are all right at home - the pigs as well.</p> <p>Dad says I can't wright (sic). Well, if I can't, I can wrong - you know, skribble (sic) George.</p> <p>Remember me to Bill Souster. Tell him I am all right - you know, rong, ring rung, well then skribble. George.</p>
<p>November 15th 1887</p>	<p>Enniskillen</p>	<p>Dear Father. I received your letter. I thought that I had wrote to you telling you when I was coming. I suppose (sic) I drempt (sic) it. Well , I think of oming on the first of next month if not on the fifteenth. A young fellow by the name of Peryer (Pryor?), that used to live at Fenny is going home on the fifteenth of this month & a chap by th name of Clark - comes from Wadon (Whaddon?), is (sic) got his discharge. He told me that he could call and see you, he knows you well. I will try and get home on the first - shall be just right for the ringing. I suppose (sic) I must close - am in a hurry as I am orderly (Sgt?), & have to take the papers in to the Officer - so Good night - I remain your loving son George</p>

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<p>December 15th 1887</p>	<p>Well House</p>	<p>Dear old Loo. Received you (sc) letter. Glad to hear you got there safe. I went up to Mrs. Snoxells when I seen you off. I have not been up since, so I could not tell her about you (sic) thump - tell her next time. Had a jolly night at the dance. I had you walse (sic) with one of Leon's servants, - they are going to have a ball on the 2nd January. We had more ladies there last night, I sang my song last night to those girls from the school at then end of the street I must close, not having anything to say (you can give Clara a thump for me) X what a big one - can you manadge (sic) to throw one to Pollie from your house ?. If so, send her a bigger one still X a couple of little ones for yourself xx. Just had breakfast - it is just twelve now, so I shall just have time to say Good Morning Loo, Clara & (Polly) (if you can throw it to her). I remain, all of you, your loving George. PS I started Mother off to Portsmouth this morning by the 8 - 20 train. We had a telegram yesterday to tell her to come early this morning. You can see that I wrote this letter yesterday, but forgot to post it. Mother will be at Portsmouth when you get this. George Judge is in Hospital with a cold in his eyes - cannot see out of one. (I had a letter from him this morning), so he does not know wether (sic) he will be out to receive me, but he wants me to delay it as long as I can. If he is not out, I can see Tarbox - he will peg me in some ware (sic). (don't forget my thumps), I will give them flowers a good thump, but I supose (sic) you forgot them, but don't forget me, from George PS Geo. Alf. Jones</p>
<p>August 15th 1887</p>	<p>Well House Bletchley</p>	<p>Dear Louie. I received your letter on Sunday morning when I went in to go on my round. I read it on my way to Shenley. I also read it to Mother and the rest of them when I got home, - they was all very much pleased to hear that you was getting on alright. Bill is nearly right again, - has been to school today. Leany & Sardy has been leasing wheat this afternoon. I cut my wheat last week - carried it this morning between 5 & 6, and staked (sic) it again (against) the back gate. It hides the "Her a-mon-her" (Privy???) Dear Louie, we have not had a letter from George or Jim, so I shall write to them next Sunday, if I can't make it convenient before. Mrs. Jordan is very pleased to hear you can eat well. We all hope you will get fat. It is 6-35, so I must close my short letter. With kind love to you from all. From your loving Father J. Jones</p>

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<p>August 29th 1887</p>	<p>Well House Bletchley</p>	<p>Dear Louie. I daresay you think it a long time to wait for a letter from us. I should have wrote to you a week ago, but yesterday week was a busy day with me Early Communion & Christening in the afternoon - 4 Services, and I have been busy all the week. Yesterday we had Ann Flint from Dunstable, Emily Markham and her young man.</p> <p>I have not yet wrote to Jim or George, but will do as soon as possible. I have sent Jim a paper as well as you. Jim's is the Flying Post, yours the North Bucks Times, - there is a bit about the drum (???)</p> <p>We was in Fenny last night to see our folks off, the people remarked how quiet it was without Tarbox thumping about. The feaver (sic) (?) is still raging very bad in Fenny - several have been buried lately.</p> <p>Dear Louie, I am sorry I could not send you a few appels (sic). I gathered the summerings a week this morning, and the red box full which you had your bonnett (sic) in, but they weighted (sic) so heavy that it would cost 1/11/2 to send them down, and not only that, but I was afraid (sic) that the box would get smashed up. They tell us that Annie Cox is coming as nurse to Mrs. French's - if we can, we will send you a few by her.</p> <p>Emily Markham sends her kind love to you, also the Misses Rollings & Mrs. Flint.</p> <p>Bill Sudbury asked if I had heard from either you or George lately. He would like to know how you both get on.</p>
<p>August 29th 1887 (contd.)</p>	<p>Well House</p>	<p>We hope this will find you quite well, as this leaves us all the same at present - thank God for it. We shall expect a letter on Sunday morning as usual. You write on Friday evening, and send it off on Saturday I suppose, it seems they are two days coming.</p> <p>I must now conclude with kind love from all</p> <p>From your Loving Father J. Jones</p> <p>Just a few from us five</p> <p>1 - xxxxx 2 - xxxxx 3 - xxxxx 4 - xxxxx 5 - xxxxx</p>

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September 15 th 1887	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie. We received your letter yesterday morning - 14th. I see you wrote it on Sunday. When you want Mother to come to Wolverton, you must write soon enough, or you will have to make sure of the postman, for your letters are generally 3 days before we get them.</p> <p>Dear Louie, we are glad to hear you are getting so jolly fat and enjoy such good health. We are all pretty well at home. Mrs. Lowndes asked Mother how she thought you liked your place. Mother told her you liked it well. Mrs. Lowndes told Mother that Mrs. Watts was very fond of you and hoped you would stop a long time. She (Mrs. Watts) liked her servants to stop with her for years. You don't see any Quadrille parties at your place. We had a nice little party at the Eight Bells last night, and have promised to keep it up all the Feast week.</p> <p>We had a very large Feast this time - standings from Parmeters' Stables, up past the Eight Bells, in the yard and round the front - besides a lot down at the 3 trees. There was a large quantity of people at the Feast Monday & Tuesday nights. Jane Scott was at home, but I have not seen her.</p> <p>It was our Harvest Festival last Sunday - we had a good congregation. Our singing went pretty fare (sic), but it might have been better if we had a better organist, and Mr. Facer would not try to cut it so fast. The church was neatly decorated, especially the alter (sic), which was the hand work of Miss Gerty Lowndes.</p>
September 15 th 1887 (contd.)	Well House Bletchley	<p>Of Miss Gerty Lowndes, she has splendid taste for anything of that. I think Mrs. Watts sent something.</p> <p>Dear Louie, Mr. & Mrs. Jordan was in the room last night, - they send their kind wishes and are pleased to hear you are so well.</p> <p>We had a long letter from George last week about their sports & he does not seem to form a good opinion of the Army, he has not got used to soldiering yet. I should think loosing (sic) so many of his clothes will make him look out sharp for the future. He will have to be as big a radical as any one else, or he will soon get bested. There is some of them won't care who they rob, or who they get into trouble as long as they can satisfy their own desires.</p> <p>Dear Louie, I am still on the morning post. I don't mean the 2 o'clock job,- that is all over. Frank James and Geo. Perry is on the platform regular now, so I get up at 5 o'clock.</p> <p>Ted White's wife was buried a fortnight tomorrow. He has not been to work since a week last Saturday,- he has been ill, likewise his children, and not allowed to come to the Office. I expect he will come in next week, but there is an other or two wants holidays, so I don't know when I shall get any.</p> <p>Poor Brinklow dropped (sic) down (dead) in Bedford and was buried last Monday week at Fenny Semetary (sic). W. Wilcox, the butcher that lived next</p>
September 15 th 1887 (contd.)	Well House Bletchley	<p>Next the Post Office dropped (sic) down dead yesterday morning. I can send you the Fenny paper, if you think you can get time to read it. I have sent both of George's letters so that you can have a good read, but please send ours back.</p> <p>I am nearly tired of writing, so I think I shall conclude, with kind love from all.</p> <p>From your Father & Mother J & E.A. Jones.</p>

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<p>October 10th 1887</p>	<p>Well House Bletchley</p>	<p>Dear Louie, Just a few lines to tell you that Mrs. Bennitt asked Mother this afternoon what you was a'gong to do. Mother said that she did not know that you was going to do any thing more than you was doing, - Why??. Oh, but Louie is going to leave, and Mrs. Watts is going to have 2 servants in her place, for £1 a month each. She (Mrs. Bennitt), told Mary Ann Bowler on Saturday last, that you had left Mrs. Watts and gone to Mrs. French's to live. If this is true, it is news to us, we thought you was alright. I shall, no doubt, know more about it tomorrow, for some of the Miss Lowndes's are sure to say something to me about you. We hope you got your parcel safe.</p> <p>Tomorrow is the grand day, according to a great many's idea. I shall have a punching time of it, I expect. We have to ring all eight at 8-o'clock and at 11am, again when the Bride leaves the church - that will be about 2:45, again when she goes away at 4:30 and again at 7pm - just the time I want to be at Fenny Fair.</p> <p>Dear Louie, you ask me about the seats in the church. It was made 177 seats longer when it was restored. It's seats was 199 in the old state. It will now seat 376 besides what we can tuck in the Schoolroom, against the Organ, the Belfry and up the aisles with forms - 500 in all. Please drop us a line or two to tell us what you know. I must now conclude, with kind love from all. From your loving Father J.Jones</p> <p>F xxxxxxxx M xxxxxxxx Sa xxxxxxxx Boat Boy xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx</p> <p>Mother & Sarah has been telling me that Miss Gertrude went to Mrs. Morry, last week, and ask her if they would let Lizzie go to Mrs. Watts's for £6 a year. Mrs. Bennitt ask Mary Ann Bowler if Eda would go for £6 as you was going to leave.</p> <p>Mary Ann asked Mrs. Bennitt what you was going to leave for, but she did not know. J.J.</p>
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November 8 th 1887	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, We received your letter this morning. I read it to Mother in bed at 6-35,- she cried like a child about you. I could not rest myself, I clinked off to the Post Office and got some stamps. I also got the cigar box from Mrs. Saunders on my way back, - I must tell you - before I went to the Post Office I went to see Mrs. Snoxell. She told me she had got a letter from Clara, and that Mrs. Scott Campbell was pleased to think you was coming, so I told Mrs. Snoxell that I would have you put your Notice in at once -----.</p> <p>Dear Louie, tell Mrs. French your Mother & Father must have you home and that you must leave her service at the expiration of the month. So that will give you time to get all your things right. We have sent a bit of sugar to go on with. Don't mind about your character, - get your £1 for the month, and if you can't get your things away, I will take the train to Castlethorpe and borrow a barrow and wheel them away, but what you shall leave (?).</p> <p>I suppose your month is up on the 25th. Please answer at your earliest convenience , for I think of writing to Mrs. S.C. myself, for I think it my duty to communicate with your expected new Mistress.</p> <p>Hope this will cheer you up and give you plenty of nerve not to be trodden into the earth quite.</p> <p>This is 9 am. Your Mother is gone to wash for the Governors at the School and I have got a long drag, - shall be at Old Bradwell, - have half a mind to bring this myself. You are only a hop, step and a jump from home so don't despair.</p> <p>Have no more to say this time, Sarah says Janey Scott is coming home because she is not well.</p> <p>I remain, Your loving Father J. Jones</p> <p>Excuse mistakes - I am hurried</p>
November 17 th 1887	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Just a few lines to tell you we are alright, and have got a letter from George, which we enclose. Hope you are not short of sugar, and hope you won't tare (sic) up your underneath inexpressibles for dusters !!!</p> <p>Mrs. Snoxell is very pleased to hear you are coming away so soon, - also Clara. We hope Mrs. French's new baby won't detain you. Hope George will come home on the 1st. As per letter statement. Do you want any thing sent?.</p> <p>We started the dancing class the first Wednesday this month at the Rose & Crown at Fenny. Mr Franklin comes with me every night.</p> <p>Must conclude, as it is post and ringing time. So Good-night and God bless you. We all join in love</p> <p>From your Father & Mother J. & E.A. Jones</p>

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November 25 th 1887	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Lou, We received your letter this morning. We are glad to hear you are well, but sorry to hear you could not come home today. You must tell Mrs. French that you cannot possibly stop long because your other pace is left open for you. I should not be at all backward now in telling Mrs. or Mr French what sort of a place I had got, if they was anxious to know. You never said that you had promised to go to London on the 12th in your other letters, but I suppose, by what you say in this letter, received this morning, that that is your intention.</p> <p>If George does not come before the 15th, he can come up to see you in London, for most likely, he will go to see George Judge.</p> <p>We are generally about 3 days before we get your letters in that wilderness. Your letter of the 22th (sic) was posted at Newport, - got home this morning.</p> <p>Shall not stop to write much this time, as I expect to see you shortly. So now, to conclude, we all join in love to you. I must tell you Leen has just come back from the station disappointed. No Lou.</p> <p>From your Father & Mother J & E.A. Jones</p>
December 18 th 1887	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Just a few lines to acknowledge receipt of your welcome letters, received on Saturday morning. I was looking out for one from Mother, but did not get it until I went in for the Shenley Duty. Rather a short one, but it satisfied us. I have sent it to you, that you can have a read at it. I went up Park St. yesterday, saw Mrs. Snoxell, read your letter to her. She was very pleased to hear how you was all jolly. She told me to send Cleg some good big Thumps X X X but she did give me them. I was to send them without. Dad, Geo., Sah., Sel., & Bill all send you one for each of us X X X X X - double thump from Geo. Alf. Jones</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dad Sah Sel Bill</p> <p>George and I are going to Joe Willetts tomorrow night for Simpson Feast, so if you think of about 8pm, we may be enjoying ourselves then. I have no posting to do this week, as yet. Please give our kind love to Cleg and Polly, and except (sic) the same yourself.</p> <p>From your loving Father Brothers & Sisters. John Jones</p> <p>We sup tonight off the same sort of joint as last Sunday.</p>

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Undated	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, We thought it would be better to send the Photo alone. I daresay you was disappointed not having a letter, but Dad was so tired and I did not feel inclined for writing yesterday afternoon. What do you think of the Photo ?, I do think it is a sight, - just look at my hair and face, but it was very rough when we went, - so you could not expect it to be very good. Mother was so delighted with it. You must explain to George that we was out on the spree, and tge wind blew and rained and a thunder storm, so he must excuse the bad Photo. Sarah said it was good, and so did Dad, but I can't see it. We was going into the Park field – not into Fenny – small pox about to(o) much.</p> <p>No more this time, - hope you will write back soon and let us know what you think of the Photo.</p> <p>I remain your ever loving Sister Lena.</p> <p>P.S. Agnes James is ill, so I am afraid she will not get your dress done, but will get it done as soon as she can. Yours Lena.</p>
Undated (this letter might be later when Lena was working in Bedford or London)	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Everybody says what a very nice Group we make, and how nice it look(s). Dad likes it very much. Dad has finished his biycicl(sic) and it look(s) very nice.</p> <p>You must excuse my short (note) as have hardly got time to catch the train, as, silly like, I left my writing till the very last minute.</p> <p>Glad to hear you are all right – had a miserable holiday – so very slow.</p> <p>Your loving Sisters Sarah and Lena</p>
Undated	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, We received your letter this morning, quite safe, and was delighted to think you was coming home so soon. I shall be down at the station to meet you. Sarah will be at Smith('s). Sarah have(sic) been very queer this last week, but is much better to day. She had her young man to tea yesterday, from Wolverton, - such a toff.</p> <p>Dad have(sic) commenced mowing Mr. Lowneds(sic) field this morning. Harry Gaskins went in the field this morning for Mr. Lowendes (sic) to put him on a job and he got half slued(sic). As he come past out house he said ther(sic) was only seventeen more years to wait before you and him gets married.</p> <p>We are going to the choir supper tomorrow night. I am quite well and as cheeky as ever.</p> <p>Your loving Sister Selina Jones.</p>

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<p>Sept 2nd 1887</p>	<p>Bletchley</p>	<p>My dear Sister, Just a few lines to let you know we are all quite well. We have not heard from George, and Mother wishes you to write. We hope you receive your box, and hope the mob cap will please you. Mother will come to Wolverton when you like if you will send (&) till (sic) us when.. Miss Eveleen Lowndes is going to get married in Oct. Cousin Flint gave Mother a brown fall. Mother will bring it with her if you wish it, - perhaps (sic) you would like it to trim your brown hat. We have got some cocoa-nut (!) mattin (sic).</p> <p>I have not much to tell you, but I must tell you about the deaths in Fenny. Cousin Ned's wife died with the fever, Mr Brinklow fell down dead at Bedford as he was coming home from his holidays, and several others died with the fever.</p> <p>Bill Souster asked Sarah yesterday how you were getting on, and he did not know you were gone to service, - and Bill asked if we had heard from George, and we told him no.</p> <p>I must conclude with best love from</p> <p>Your Sister Selina</p> <p>Father xxxxxx Mother xxxxxx I wrote because Father hadn't got time Sarah xxxxxx Selina xxxxxx Bill xxxxxx</p>
<p>Sept 22th 1887</p>	<p>Bletchley</p>	<p>Dear Sister, just write a few lines to let you know we are alright, and we are please to see tou getting on so well. We have got bad news from Jim</p> <p>(To say that). You must not worry yourself about it. We have sent your mob cap and boots. Mother seen Miss M. Lowndes and she told Mother that Mr. Lowndes would take it for us. You must excuse my writing, as Mother as (sic) got to see Mr. Deally (Dr.).</p> <p>I must conclude with best love from your sister.</p> <p>Selina</p> <p>God Bless You</p> <p>We seen Charly Read, and he told us how you were getting on.</p>