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<p>March 5th 1894 [dated from envelope postmark]</p>	<p>1st Bedfordshire Regiment, Nowshera, East India</p>	<p>Dear Loo, Just a few lines to let you know how we are getting on. We had a very good voyage out except the first three or four days which was very rough & wet, but after we got through the Bay it was all right. Jim came on board to see us before we set sail, or rather the night before but I was rather buisy (sic) being the Senior Sergt. of the draft. I was going to write to Jim but I don't know his address, don't know what I done with it, but I suppose he will hear about us from some of you at home. Our first halt was at Malta, stayed there from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. to get coal, did not go ashore – no one under the rank of Col. Sergt. was allowed. There was two other boats in harbour becides (sic) us, the crock she was just steaming out as we got in – homeward bound. We was supposed to have gone out on her, but through her breaking down we got there before she left. The other boat, Malabar, left Portsmouth before us & she broke down – had to stay in harbour a fortnight after we left. We never had a breakdown at all, for a wonder. Our next halting place was Portsaid at the mouth of the Suez Canal. Took on coal here, enough for the voyage, stayed a little while at Suez to take on an Officer and his wife, one Corpl. & his wife & two Ptes. Then our next & last was Karrachi, here we disembarked and stayed for a matter of 5 days then proceeded to the Regiment by rail which took us 5 more days, arriving at Raul Pindi (sic) on the 14th, Sunday, just in time to move up here with them – that is the men. I came up here with the women “two” by train – Molly & a nother one that came out with us. Her husband came up with the Regiment. We had to tos (sic) up to see which was to come & I won, so he had to march with the Regiment 7 days march from Pindi to here, the women of the Regiment had been up here about 3 months before they came here. We don't know that we are in India by the climate. You see, up here, so close to the frontier, it is very cold in the winter & scorching hot in summer. We are burning fires now, we can see the Black Mountains from here, where all these petty disturbances occur now and again. They are a very high range of Hills, running for thousands of miles down India and are called the Murry Hills. You can see the snow on them, sometimes you can see a cloud half way up and the sun shining on the snow on top which makes them look very pretty. The troops go on top of them in summer from Pindi, but not from here. There is a nother (sic) range on the other side of us where we have to go, expect we shall soon be going up there. They are not so high as the Murry, they are called the Cherat – can't see any snow on them, so they are not so cold. A Corpl. was telling me that he was at Murry (that is the place) on duty, was there in the winter and the snow then was from 20 to 30 feet deep – could not get out of the Bungalows – had to dig themselves out. If they wanted to speak to any one they would go to their Bungalow & shout down the chimney to them. You might say “how did they manadge (sic) to walk about?” – they had snow shoes. We have very good quarters, 3 rooms, bath room, bed room & living room. This is a good place for living cheap. We had for dinner to day a joint of beef four pounds, price 5 anners (sic) which means in English 4d, eggs 2½d a doz., chicken 4d. You see, we can live alright. (have just found Jim's address), but the thing(s) that are expensive is clothes, things for the house – can't get a sweeping broom or shovel here, our fires are wood – no such thing as coal, fire on the hearth – no iron grate. Am sorry we did not bring our things out with us that we sold at home. Ah well, we must make the best of it, I suppose, while we are here, which won't be long if I can help it. Must close now, hoping this will find you alright, as are both me & Molly at present. From your loving brother,</p>
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22 nd October 1894	Fort Attock	<p>George</p> <p>Enclosed is a lightweight services envelope with several postmarks signed by George and authorised by his Commanding Officer.</p> <p>Dear Father & Mother, Received your letter quite safe, also the Readers thanks to Sadie. I see there is a lot of old people going off. Keep marrying, and burying, - we have lost a lot too this summer – 23 men altogether out of about 1000, most of them are of the draft. I brought out one man, was going home, was going home by the first boat – got to Bombay and died. This is a bad place for ague, you see there is a river runs by us and in the summer time it swells, rises about 20 feet by the snow melting on the top of the hills and when it goes down the sand throws a nasty smell which gives you which gives you this fever & ague, commonly called dringey. I had a touch of it the other day. It lasts on you about 3 days.</p> <p>I have got Molly with me now – came down from the hills on the 13th. We stay here till the 3rd of November, then go to Nowshera till the 16th, then to Peshwar, so you can direct our letters there – it's only about 15 miles from Nowshera nearer to the frontier, close to the Khibre (sic) Pass, a Defile which connects Afganestan (sic) with India. I suppose we shall be there about 6 months, then up on the hills again for the summer, then down to Pindi again for 6 more, then on the hills again, then down country towards Bombay. So you see we are nothing else but shifting, but I hope to be home next year at this time. I don't care about this part of the Country – the climate is so funny in the summer. It is that hot you are almost rosted (sic),, in the winter you are the reverse. It is so cold,, but it don't go so far as to frease (sic) the river, but the summer being so hot you feel it when it gets cold. It is getting very cold now during the day. When the sun is up it is nice and warm, but when it goes down that's the time you feel it and in the morning nearly every one gets a touch of this dringey. You think nothing of seeing about 20 men going to hospital of a morning out of our little lot and there is only 88 of us down here. I have been in the canteen this last two months down here. Had a very good month last, but this is a poor one. They can't drink beer when the have got the dringey. I made a little last month, just enough to put us on our lets and enable us to get a few things for the house when we get to Peshwar. I suppose Mother has got her shall [shawl] by now, Molly sent one home to each of the Mothers. She is going to send something else to someone, but I mustn't tell tales out of school, I suppose. Molly is alright and looking well, but I am afraid she will get a touch of the dringey, she seems like it now – you can easily tell, your head aches, limbs ake (sic) alover [all over]. It's not dangerous, but it fetches you down a bit at the time, you see you can't eat anything.</p> <p>Otherwise we are alright, thank God, hope this will find you all the same at Well House. We remain your loving son & daughter</p> <p><u>G.A. & M.B. Jones</u></p>
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February 13 th 1894	Well House, Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Just a line to say we are all quite well and hope you are the same. I am very pleased to tell you that we got a letter from George last night. He was alright when he wrote the letter. He wrote it on the 22nd Jan., arrived here on 12th Feb. – only 20 days coming. If you would like to see it I will send it to you or perhaps you may pop home for a few hours.</p> <p>Fred Crane came home last Saturday for 7 days – he goes back on Friday if he don't get more leave. His Mother is at death's door, they Telegraphed for him. He asked me about you and said he would very much like to see you. We had a letter from Sarah and Leany yesterday morning – they are quite well, and Sarah expects to come home on Saturday. The Company is going away & Mrs. T. cannot afford (sic) to keep 4 servants. Shall know late on. Try and run home Wednesday or Thursday.</p> <p>No more at present, fond love from all & ever remain your loving Father & Mother</p> <p>J. & E.A. Jones</p>
Feb. 27 th 1894	Well House, Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Just a line to say Will got the bills receipted alright, which I have enclosed. Mr. Berwick was in his dinner time. He asked after you and also wanted us to give him an order. Sarah is at home again – came home last Wednesday, Leany has given her Notice in and expects to be home in the course of a fortnight. I have not written to Geo. – did you take Geo.'s letter away with you? - Mother cannot find it. If you have it, please send it with the answer to this, which I hope to have from you as soon as you find time. No doubt he, George, don't care a little bit about him. I am not posting this week, but I have a few jobs in the house to do.</p> <p>We are all quite well and hope this will find you the same. It is between two lights now and expecting the postman by, so I must close with fond love from all & remain your loving Father & Mother</p> <p>J. & E.A. Jones</p> <p>Enclosed: Receipted bills from a Drapers and Bootmakers.</p>
6 th March, 1894	Well House, Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Your letter to Sarah of last night, not being answered according to your wish, I thought I would drop you a line as she did not feel in the proper key for writing last night. You gave her great joy in being so well pleased with the birthday present. You spoke of Sarah & Leany & Fred coming over to see you. I don't think you will see Fred again, except it is by chance, for he is got the sack. Is leaving on Saturday night. He wants Leany to go to his home with him. He will meet her at Bedford & take her on with him. When Sarah came home from Bedford she wished Leany to come as her clothes was in such a delabated (sic) state that she was not fit to go among strange people. Well, I must tell you he has been carrying on a nice game lately. We have all heard and seen his little games. Last Saturday night there was a traveling (sic) party performed at the Town Hall, Fenny Stratford. Sarah went in and sat with Jack White's wife, she saw Fred there, but he was making love to two of the Fenny roughs, so Sarah watched his movements. He was as tite (sic) as a rubber and after he came out must needs go into The Bull to have some drink. After he came out he had holt (sic) of another young girl. They hung & cuddled each other al (sic) the way up to the Park Hotel where Fred (Allen, I mean) must go in to get more drink & the girl</p>

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June 3 rd 1894	Well House, Bletchley	<p>waited outside for him. Sarah watched all their movements until she was disgusted and got away as soon as she could. I wrote to Leany last night and told her to be sure & come home as I did not approve of Fred's conduct, I also told her that Sarah had a lot to tell her of what she had seen of Fred. I also told her that it was her Mother's wish for her to come home. Sarah went out to post the letter last night & met Fred. He told her he had a letter from Leany & she told him she would not be able to go home with him. Was glad to hear she told him that. She will see she did right when she gets my letter this morning. I told Leany in my letter to break it off. What is your oppinion (sic)? My oppinion is that he is a silly fool & Leany is quite as silly if she as (sic) any thing more to do with him. Please drop her a line and tell her what you have heard, also try and persuade him off him. He told Sarah last night if Leany would not go home with him he would not go home, but would go to London. I say he may go to the divel (sic) for what I care – he shan't humbug Leany. I am sorry we made him so welcom (sic) at Well House. I think it is quite early enough for Leany to think about men as she is so young. Mother & Sarah holds with me and no doubt you will also. Please drop us a line to give us your oppinion in the matter. Sarah says she is not to tell what Leany has got for your birthday present, cannot say any more. Love from all from your loving Father</p> <p>John Jones</p> <p>Series of letters denoting musical notes, with the comment "This is a piece of Will's tin wistle (sic) music"</p> <p>Dear Louie, Your letter to hand quite safe. Was glad to hear you was well as this leaves us at present. You wished to know who bought the wool. Leany gave 1/1d for it. I must tell you that Leany is up at the Manor House, Great Brickhill. The first housemaid is ill, so Lady Duncombe wanted someone to wait upon her and look after her. Mr. Bloxham, the steward, drove her up with the pony & trap last Monday night. We have had two or three messages from her by the donky (sic) boy as we call him. She is getting on alright, nothing much to do. It may not last long, but it might be the means of Lady Duncombe getting her into something else good. Perhaps may go on there – we cannot tell. Sarah did not go out last night or she would have sent your few things you left behind when you was home. Will send them by Barnwell next week. We had a letter from Will last week, he said their sports was coming of (sic) shortly. As he only is allowed to take no more that 6d per week, could we send him a few coppers as it cost him 2d or 3d a week to write to us. I suppose he told you when he wrote as he said he had written to you. I sent him 1/- worth of stamps. Would get them this morning if he was on board. We sent him the Fenny paper as well, for he said he would like to have it. We had a letter from Jim Borer the same morning we got yours. They was all well.</p> <p>I am starting posting to Drayton in the morning to work the holidays – shall, no doubt, for 2 or 3 months.</p> <p>I had a letter from George a fortnight ago – was quite well. I think I have told you all for this time so I must close with fond love from Me, Mother and Sarah – the others all away.</p> <p>We remain your loving Father & Mother</p> <p>J. & E.A. Jones</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXX</p>
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June 24 th 1894	Well House, Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, We got your letter quite safe. Glad to hear you was well as this leave us the same – thank God. We are looking forward for you to be with Friday next, June 29. We had a letter from Will to say he should be home on the 4th July. I wish you could come a few day (sic) later – you could have more time with him. I have not much news to tell you. Leany is still at Lady Duncombe’s. She may run down tonight – cannot say. If you have seen Alice she might have told you about poor old G. Allen being dead as her & her Mother was here when Mr. Bennett brought me the news. Burried (sic) him yesterday at 3 p.m. Drop a line what time you will be at the station. Close with fond love from Your Father & Mother</p> <p>J. & E.A. Jones</p>
July 1 st 1894	Well House, Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Just a line to say we got your letter safe. Was glad to hear you was not coming before Tuesday. We have not had a letter from Will since I wrote to you, but we feel sure that he will be home on Wednesday the 4th.</p> <p>Leany as just come home to have a look at us. She is alright and still up above, but don’t expect to stop much longer as the girl is better. Please let us know what train to meet on Tuesday. I cannot write, for my hand is all of a shake through mowing hard last week. Love from all at home from Your Father</p> <p>J. Jones</p>
Oct 7 th 1894	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, We received your letter last night, - was glad to hear you got down safe, & also to hear Will met you and (you) enjoyed yourselves together in the afternoon. We have been talking about you all this afternoon & hope Will is ashore with you. We was glad to hear they all was well at 43 as this leaves us all the same at Well House. Mother was sorry she forgot the nuts & piece of cake for Will. We are glad to hear Will likes board of ship and hope he will get on well. We also hope you will soon get a situation, - as money soon begins to get short when there is none coming in. Leany had a letter from the lady at Tenby in South Wales about the situation at Walford(Watford?), but (h)as not engaged as yet. I have nothing new to tell you as you have so shortly left home, so I must bring my letter to a close. With fondest love from all at home to yourself, Will, Jim, Mary & also the little ones. Hope the clothes suited. From Your loving Father & Mother</p> <p>J & E.A. Jones</p> <p>Let us know how Uncle Harry & Aunt Em(i)ly is when you write again. J.J</p>
Oct 23 rd 1894	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, We received your letter, was sorry to hear you had gone into such a hard place. It is a pity you had not stoped(sic) at home and gone to Mr.(Dr.) Dynes when you was so poorly. You was too anxious to get down to Portsmouth. I don’t suppose you got a good reception at Jim’s, for they haven’t much to do with. Portsmouth will never do you any good, as I told you before you went. Mother says you had</p>

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		<p>better come back if you cannot get a(n) easier place. For my part, you must please yourself. We are very bad off. I cannot earn any money, and my corn fetched me but very little. If you come you are welcome, but you must put up with the hardships as we have to do. I am a lot in debt now, and don't know how I shall get out. You did not say anything about what wages you was getting. I guess not very good. It appears, by your letter, that you have plenty of work if not plenty of money. We had a letter from Leany this morning, which I enclose to you, so that you can see what sort of a crib she has got. I sent her yours, so as she can see the sort of place you have got into. She says she will write to you. Please give our kind love to Will when you have the chance, also to all inquiring(sic) friends. We hope to have better news next. I must close now, - with fond love from all at home. I remain your Loving Father</p> <p>John Jones.</p>
Nov. 21 st 1894	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Son (to Will) No doubt you have been looking out for a letter from me for some time. Well, I was going to write to you a week ago. I don't know whether you have heard anything from the Master at Arms. I got Mr. Bennitt to fill it in a week last Saturday, and I sent it on to him a week last Monday. We have had two or three letters from Lean lately. Is getting on pretty well, and wants Lou to come to Watford, because she could have a cook's place there at £20 a year. We got a letter from Lou, this morning. She has left her place and (is) under the Doctor's hands, stopping at Jim's at present.. She said she had not seen you since last Sunday week, but you was looking like a young swell with your fine cloth(e) trousers on. I expect to see you have grown since you left home. Percy Gaskin says he will go back with you after you have been at home. He is working at Corbett's, in his father's place. Old Jack is got the sack. Jerry Silkston is lolloping about, - won't do any work if he could get any to do. He might have been at the Park Hotel if he would but work, and he might have had a job at the P.O., but would not get up in the morning to go in. We have had some very rough days & nights – great floods, Miles all down the meadows under water. We thought of you when the wind blowed so hard. I had a letter from Geo. a week last Sunday, and have sent it to you, but be sure you send it back as soon as possible. You can show it to Lou for, no doubt, you will go ashore if not tomorrow, you will go on Sunday. Please give our kind love to Lou, - I think of writing to her on Sunday. We have sent you 3 books. I think I have told you all for this time, so I must close. With fond love from all to you all. From Your Father</p> <p>J. Jones</p>
Nov. 25 th 1894	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Just a few lines to say we got your letter quite safe. Was sorry to hear you was so ill, but hope you will soon be better. We are quite well at home. We wondered why you did not write before, but I told Mother that I thought you was so hard worked that you had not got time. I suppose you intend stopping at Portsmouth, has you did not speak of coming home again. If your Doctor does you no good, you</p>

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		<p>had better come and try Doctor Dynes(sic). You need not stop till you are not able to come. You cannot see much of Will I suppose. I wrote to Will last week and sent George's letter to him for you both to read. I expect you and Will was together this afternoon. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.</p> <p>I am expecting a letter from Will in a few days so, no doubt he will tell us how you both are. I forwarded Will('s) half pay paper to the Master at Arms a fortnight ago.</p> <p>I haven't much to say this time, so I must close with fond love from your loving Father John Jones.</p>
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Dec. 30 th 1894	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Louie, Just a few lines to say we got yours & Jim's Xmas cards with thanks. Glad to hear you was well again. We all have had bad colds, but are all quite well now and hope this will find you all the same. Have not heard from George since the letter we sent down to you. Hope you enjoyed a Merry Xmas, and we wish you all a happy new year. Have sent you a card. Got Will's allotment pay Bill this morning, - so I shall draw it for him tomorrow. We had a letter from Leany a week ago. She was alright, - she said she had not heard from you for some time. We all went down to Mary Ann's Xmas night. I took the fiddle down and me and Harry played together. We enjoyed ourselves very much. All the Cooks send their love to you. We all join in love to you, Jim, Mary Henry & the children. I now close this short note and remain Your Loving Father John Jones</p> <p>Envelope included postmarked "Bletchley Station Dec. 30th 1894" & addressed to</p> <p>Miss Jones 43, Froddington Road Somers Road Southsea Portsmouth Hants.</p>
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Undated (But just before 18th February which is Lou's birthday)	Wadsworth House Bedford	<p>My Dear Lou, Many thanks for P.C. – am glad to hear you are going home for (your) birthday. I should like to be their(sic) very much too. I can't say whether Sarah will be home this week or not, so you had better not depend on her for your things, though she would like to be home to see you. You must excuse my scrawl, as I am in a very great hurry. No more, - we remain your ever loving sisters Sadie & Lena Jones</p> <p>I am going to write to Fred, so will tell him you are going to Bletchley</p>
Undated	Wadsworth House Bedford	<p>Dear Louie, I wish you many happy returns of the day. I am very sorry I have got nothing to send you just now, - will send something later on. I daresay you was surprised to hear I had left home so soon after you. Dad told me in a letter I had from him that Jim had wrote and told you about me leaving home. I was rather surprised when I got the letter asking me to come for a few days as her housemaid was ill. But Mrs. Thornton would not have her back, - she was a dreadful muddler, and so slow. Mrs. T. (h)as asked me to stay. She (h)as found out now what I did. She told Phillips I did three times as much work as Clara. She (h)as been wonderfully nicesince I have been back. She was very pleased to get me back. We have no regular cook, so we (h)as a woman in, - you know, one on the job. She (h)as been to very big houses cooking. I have heard Mildred talking about her. The housemaid told Mrs. Thornton I left the house & everything dirty. She did not say anything at the time but it (h)as all come out now. She told tales about people to get a favourite with Mrs. T. and instead of doing other people harm, as she tried too – (she) done herself harm. When she came for her things, Mrs. T. told Phillips to tell her to go out of the house. That come of telling tales. Our people are going to stay at Hanslope Park next Thursday, weather permitting. Mrs. T. (h)as been ill, she told me she had not been out since I had been away. I see Nelly Jones a week today. We went to Rose's and bought some apron linen. I have made four apron(s) since, with bibs and straps, so I have not been so bad. Mrs. T. gave me one of her print dresses, - one she wore two years ago. I am going to unpick it and have it made into a proper one. No more, I remain your ever loving sister Lena.</p>
Undated	Wadsworth House Bedford	<p>My Dear Lou, Very many thanks for your kind & welcome letter, which I have just received. I am very pleased to hear you enjoyed yourself at home on your birthday. I should very much have liked to have been at home with you, but that, of course, could not be. How very kind of Mrs. B. to give you one of her Photo(s). It was good of Jane to give you such a nice present. I am pleased you liked the silver thimble from Sadie, - she really did not know what to get for you. I am in hope you will like mine, but am afraid mine will look rather in the shade besides a silver thimble & your two nice boxes I suppose you know Fred is leaving Leon's next Saturday, so if you are going to write to him, you will have to write before then. My time is up next Saturday, but Mrs. T. asked me this morning to stay a little while longer, as she was not suited. I want to go to Norfolk, - should have gone next Saturday with Fred, but could not leave here & go to Norfolk in the same day. I shall be delighted to come to you some Sunday before I go out again. I mean to go as housemaid, - not the two together again. Heard from India a fortnight ago. Excuse scribble – I am in a hurry, I hope I shall be able to go from here</p>

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		<p>soon, as I long to see Fred. I think I love him a little, for he is always(s) in my thoughts – don't tell anybody. I long to see you to have a talk. No more. Your ever loving sis Lena.</p> <p>P.S. I suppose you have been told that Sadie & me are Tommy Parker's intended bridesmaids on April the 18th.</p> <p>With best love to you, hoping you are quite well. Lena</p>
Undated	Well House Bletchley	<p>My Dearest Lou,</p> <p>Am very much obliged to you for lending me the money – it will do nicely. I shall be able to manage with the 5s. , for I hope before your pay day comes again I shall be in another situation, although I have not got one at present.</p> <p>Fred Crane is an awful drunkered(sic), - very queer sort of a chap. We had got Bill('s) present. I have put my Photo in the frame, as I thought we could easily have another taken by and by. I gave 1s. for the frame – it is a very good one.</p> <p>Glad to hear you got through your spring cleaning.</p> <p>Dear Lou, I suppose(sic) you knowed(sic) Alice Cook married that Saunder(s?) from Water Eaton, - she had a baby nine months old, - it appears she was going to have another so she took something and she had a mis-hap and it did not happen to act right, - turned to blood-poisoning. It all happened in less than a week – dreadful thing wasn't it?. Mrs. Harris was (buried) yesterday at Bletchley. They had a brick grave for her eight feet deep.</p> <p>We are all quite well, and hope you are the same. We are very glad to hear Bill is alright again. No more this time, so must conclude with love from all. I remain your ever loving Sis</p> <p>F xxxxxxx M xxxxxxx S xxxxxxx L xxxxxxx</p> <p>N.B. This letter (and the following one) were originally filed in 1985 but the context places it more nearly in 1894. Slight puzzle re Bill's present – in following letter he is at home in Well House.</p>
Undated	Well House Bletchley	<p>My Dear Louie,</p> <p>Thanks very much for the gloves, - they done very well indeed. And we enjoy(ed) ourselves a treat at the dance, their(sic) was not such a great lot their(sic).</p> <p>I went to Fenny this morning to the Dr., so I thought I would call at Berwick to see if Ch. B. had brought any message from you (as I understood) he was he was going to, in your letter and postcard, but he said you expected a parcel from us. I can hardly make it out what you mean. You must write and let me know what to do.Of course, their(sic) was the face flannel and blue serge to be sent – was that it?.</p> <p>We heard from George last week. I have enclosed his letter for you to read.</p> <p>Poor old Mrs. Parrott died last night at ten minutes to seven.</p> <p>No more this time. Hoping to hear from you soon. Your ever loving Sis Lena</p>
April 10 th 1894	Well House Bletchley	<p>My Dearest Lou,</p> <p>Bill (h)as just come back from the Dr. and he (h)as passed, he said he was first rate. I hope your cold is better, Dear Lou. We hope you got home safe with J.B. (?G.B.?).</p> <p>We all enjoyed ourselves very much at Crawley. Remember us to Jane.</p> <p>No more this time – have got no news.</p> <p>I remain your ever loving Sis Lena</p> <p>Let us know how your cold is.</p>

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April 28 th 1894	Well House Bletchley	<p>My dear Lou, Just a few lines to let you know how we are getting on. We have had two letters from Will, he said he had written to you, so I suppose (sic) he as (sic) told you all about himself. I do hope he will get on alright. We had a letter from George and Molly last Monday morning – they are quite well. George is going to send a paper home every month – it is call “The 16th” – published by the regiment – their (sic) is not much news in it, but he thought it would interest us.</p> <p>We meet Bill Sudbury last Sunday and he told us he was going to be married on the 2nd of May, that is next Wednesday, and he got on to us about our Photo in Alderman’s window, he said we might have thought of him so we said we would give him one in a frame for a Wedding present – what do you think? They are going to be married at Winslow. We did enjoy ourselves at Tom Parker’s wedding – went on the Tuesday & came back on the Thursday evening in time to go to the Fenny Fair & we had some rare fun. Their (sic) was some of them shows with Aunt Sallys, but they did not happen to go over as they did three years ago although Sarah run into one. Bill told you about Fred Crane having a row with his friends. Well, Dear Lou, he walked to Rugby and some one their (sic) telegraphed to his Father – “Sailor Boy, No Money” and his Father sent back for them to send him home. Now he says he is going down to Portsmouth on the old Duke again. Dear Lou, do you think you would be able to lend me 10s as I have run so short. Mum as (sic) been down to Mrs. Val Sears since a week last Wednesday. She was confined but the baby was dead. No more, I remain your ever loving sis, Lena.</p> <p>When are you going to run home – do come soon, am longing to see your dear face again.</p> <p>Alice Cook is dead & Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Fisher’s daughter died Friday morning at half past 1. Have sent a very small piece of Tom’s wedding cake. George Bett’s daughter is married to George Read of Newton.</p>
Undated	Well House Bletchley	<p>My Dearest Lou, Just a few lines to let you know we are alright. We had a letter from George & Mollie and they are both quite well.</p> <p>We also had a letter from Jim. He says Bill makes a fine looking sailor and he is quite happy. He says he had not heard from you so he did not know whether you received Daisy(’s) Photo or no. I wrote to Will and told him to tell Jim you was home & also that yyou had got the Photo. I have sent the wool, hope it will suit.</p> <p>You did not lose your handkerchiefs, - I found it in the front room after you had gone home.</p> <p>We enjoyed ourselves a treat on Tuesday evening, & Mr. Cooper brought me home.</p> <p>Hope you are quite well, let us hear from you soon. No more.</p> <p>I remain your loving sis. Lena</p>
Undated	Brickhill Manor Bletchley (She is “filling in” for Lady Duncombe)	<p>Just a few lines to you hoping this will find you quite wel as it leaves me the same at present. I expect Dad told you when he wrote to you on Sunday where I was. I feel very dull here, but I shal get used to it in time. I don’t know how long I shall be here, but the housemaid does not seem to get any better. She had influenza, and now she has got over that her lungs are affected and she spits blood. She is very weak & I am out of bed two & three times in the night. I walked home on Sunday evening, ent to church and walked back. I was rather tired, for it is such a long way. Hope you are getting on alright. Have you got your dress made yet?.</p> <p>I shall be home when Bill comes home. I am longing to see him. Do write to me, Dear Lou, and let me know how you are getting on.</p> <p>No more, I remain your ever loving Sis Lena.</p>

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		P.S. Remember me to Jane
Aug. 21th 1894	Well House Bletchley	Dear Louie, Just a line to tell you that Bill Bowler is coming down to Portsmouth on Saturday. Will be their(sic) on Sunday, if you wish to see him, and (you) can go over the royal train, as you did before. We have killed three pigs out of the four. We are all quite well, - but Bowler will tell you Bletchley news. Tom Chappell is going to be married next Monday, - tell Jim when you see him. (to Miss Chamberlain). No more this time, so must conclude with best love from all to all. I remain your loving Sister. Selina Jones
Undated	Well House Bletchley	One section of this letter is missing. I have made as much sense of it as I can, and positioned it in approximately the correct place, as far as I can understand. Dear Lou, We were very please(d)to hear from you, as we were beginning to get rather anxious about you., - we have looked for a letter this last week. We are pleased to hear you have got a situation, and hope you will get on alright. I am going to Watford Vicarage (Whole section missing here perhaps due to sensitive nature relating to Will's half pay) ...his half pay stop where it is. Explain it to him (Will), Dear Louie,so as it won't hurt his feelings. You know what Dad is, - he don't want the trouble. Bill had better talk to him about it when he come(s) home. Give our love to all and except(sic) the same yourself. Hope you are quite well, as it leaves us all at present. Dad (h)as been very bust today thatching his rick. I went for a lovely walk, last night, along Stoke Rd. with Arch. - it was a lovely night. We are going on about the same, I have give(n) him my Photo, and he (h)as stuck one between Edgar Loe (Joe?) and Frank Hill on his dressing table. What do you think of it?, - he is going to give me his No more this time, with love to my loving Sis. I remain your loving sister Selina Jones. Ann Sear said to Mother "So Lena is gong in for furniture". It is time I went away. Excuse scribble.
Undated	The Vicarage Watford	Dear Father and Mother, Just a few lines to let you know how I am getting on. I have just finished learning to find my way about the house. It is a very funny built house, so very old fashioned. It is a very large family, twelve in (the) family, eight sons and two gaughters, father and mother, and a young lady companion, but it is very rare they are all home (at the same time). I don't know whether I shall stop here or not. I shall see when I have been here a fortnight. When I got here, I dd not know which was the front door or the back. I thought to myself - this is a crib - then when I got upstairs and seen my bedroom I had a good mind to come back home the same night. Mrs. James had only been home a few days, so the house was in a muddle, but she ask(ed) the parlourmaid to stay another week until I had got used to my work, - so she is not going away untill a week today. Me and the cook share the same room - she is so very nice. I don't mind the place so much as I did at first. The cook (h)as told me since, she thought I wasn't going to take my things off. These are very nice people - very homely. I hope you will soon write to me and send me Loo('s) address, as I want

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		<p>to write to her. Tell Sarah to remember me to Mr. Wallis., and give me(my) love to Arch.</p> <p>I went out yesterday afternoon with the boy for a walk, and to church in the evening. I shall stay here if I possibly can.</p> <p>I don't think I have any more to say this time so must conclude, trusting this will find you all quite well as it leaves me quite well at present.</p> <p>I remain your loving daughter Lena.</p>
<p>29th Oct. 1894 (date taken from postmark on letter envelope included)</p>	<p>Watford Vicarage Herts.</p>	<p>My Dear Loo, Dad sent me your letter. I am very sorry you have got such a bad place. The best thing for you to do is to come home. I should think you leave a fortnight next Tuesday. Shall you come straight from your place, or shall you stop in Portsmouth for a day or two?.</p> <p>I think I am more fortunate than you. I am getting use(d) to it now. I have to work hard, but the people are very nice. There is twelve in (the) family all together, but it is very rare they are all home at once. I think I shall stick it if I possibly can.</p> <p>Dear Loo, Arch gave me such a lovely silk handkerchief, and a pair of scisios's(sic) that shut up, and a red moracco(sic) case for them – wasn't it kind of him?. You know he was going to give me his Photo.</p> <p>So sorry to hear you are so queer. I think you went away from home too soon – did not have sufficient rest.</p> <p>Write to me when you have got time and let me know when you are coming home.</p> <p>I think this is all this time, give my love to Bill and tell him I will write to him soon.</p> <p>I remain your loving Sis Lena</p> <p>I suspose(sic) Dad told you Mother got her shawl alright. I wrote this letter yesterday but had not got a stamp, so could not send it. I hope this will find you better. Alf was quite well when he wrote last. Am going to write to George this week. What a lot of rain we are having. I was so pleased to hear from you. With love Lena.</p> <p>Address on enclosed envelope :</p> <p>Miss Jones, C/o Mrs. Grain, Ouidemarde House, Victoria Road, Southsea, Hants.</p>

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Undated	Watford Vicarage Herts	<p>My Dear Lou,</p> <p>Thanks so much for the cards. I am pleased to here(sic) that you are better. I have got a very bad cold, and it makes me feel so queer. I am so thankful Xmas is over – we did have a hard time of it. I don't know whether I shall see Bill or no, as I am going to Colchester a fortnight tomorrow, to see Alf., as he is going to India, so I can't go to both places. I should love to see him Thank Mary for her card for me. I hope you will be able to get a good place soon.</p> <p>I had a few Xmas boxes, Mrs. James gave me a cap and apron and I had a prayer book from the Vicar last Nov. – such a nice one, and a pretty Photo from Miss Margy, a Photo from Cook – a group, and two broaches(sic) from Alf. – such nice ones, one of them is his crest – the Britannia.</p> <p>I have never heard from Arch, and I don't know if Sadie goes with “hangan”. Bill Markham is here, and another chap from Fenny, so I am alright .</p> <p>I directed both letters to Jim and you. No more this time – hoping to hear from you soon.</p> <p>I remain your loving Sis Lena.</p> <p>P.S. How are you getting on for money?. I hope you will all have a happy and prosperous New Year.</p>
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<p>Undated (but soon after J.J's letter of 6th March re Fred's conduct, also Lean's letter pre April 10th re being bridesmaids)</p>	<p>Well House Bletchley</p>	<p>Dear Louie, I daresay you think I are never going to write to you, - well I have got some sad news to tell you, for Lizzie Jones is dead, and Louie Scot(t) told me, the other morning that little Horris (Horace?) was dead. Dear Louie, you have not written to say what you thought of Fred, - we had him up to see us on Monday morning before he went home. I think he called on Lean. I can tell you about him when I see you. I think Lean is worth a better than him – he is no good. Have you written to her?, I have written to her, for I are anxious to know how the wedding things are getting on, an(d) I don't know if Lean told you that Lean and me are going to be bridesmaids to Emely (Emily), the cook. Remember me to your chum. We had a letter from George this morning, - they are quite well. I wish you could run home for a little w(h)ile. We are quite well – I hope you are the same. I remain your ever loving sister S.J. Jones</p>
<p>March 18th (1894?)</p>	<p>Well House Bletchley</p>	<p>My Dear Lou, No doubt you have been looking for a letter from us. But Dad)h)as been so busy and tired on Sunday, but there is always something at church to (h)inder him from (w)riting, so I thought that I would write to you, and hope that you will not poke fun at the scribble. I had a letter from Lena this morning – she (h)as got a bad cold. Dear, we should have wrote befor(e), but there is no fresh news to tell you, so I have sent you a few lines to let you know that we are all quite well at present. I daresay you began to think that we had forgotten you. I hope you get the Fenny rag from Bill all right. When you seen him last, did he tell you that he writes to May Helsey?. I whent(sic) to a dance with Willis – he has given me his P(h)oto. Lena wants me and Willis to go and see her on Sunday, but I think I shall not be Abel(sic) to go for I are going to have my Poto(sic) taken for Willis in return. Dear Lou, you must excuse pencil(sic). I can write much better (with it). Dad and Mum sends their best love to you. I think I have told you all this time, hoping to heir(sic) from you soon, from your Loving Sis Sadie xxx</p>

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2 nd Jan 1894	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Sister, I write these few lines to tell you that mother is better than the day you came; Dad is busy, (h)as been so, all this Christmas. And hope you enjoyed your self at the ringers supper, there (h)as been some disturbance about the bells here – letter writing. One wrote and said that he wish(ed) they would stop their jangling and clanging of those evenine bells and all such trash.</p> <p>Dear Lou, poor old Ellen Bolton is dead , died this morning (Tuesday). Dear Lou, there is nothing going on (in) particular. There was a dance going on ast night (Monday) up till 4 a.m. this morning. I think I have told you all the news, so good night. I (remain) yours truly W.H. Jones</p> <p>We had a letter from Geo. from Malta – all in good health. All quite well at home – hope you are the same.</p> <p>Profile sketch of man's face with curly moustache.</p>
Undated	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Lou, Sarah will be over on Thursday morning. Will Alice meet her at the station at 9 10. We're all quiet(sic) well and hope you are the same. I am yours W.H. Jones.</p> <p>P.S. Be sure and tell Alice to meet her because she don't know her way.</p>
20 th Jan. 1894	No home address (assume as per text of letter)	<p>Dear Lou, I received you[r] letter this morning, so I couldn't answer your letter before now. Have took on in the steam pinnac(?)e for S. Lucas, so haven't come ashore leave up a (?till?) ½ four a.m. Trying to save up for Easter, so didn't come ashore.</p> <p>You can write and tell me any thing and tell me when I shall be able to see you, to have a good talk to you – something about Jim.</p> <p>Will</p> <p>Note : this is the first reference to Will being in the Navy.</p>
Undated (but after Feb 13 th – see J.J's letter of that date)	Well House Bletchley	<p>Dear Lou, Am going down to Portsmouth on Friday by the 9.10 a.m. from here., - shall get down there about two p.m. to Fratton, am going to Jim('s) from there then shall go down to the Harbour. They (the ships boat) (will) meet me there at four p.m. shall have a night on board.</p> <p>Fred Crane went away last Saturday afternoon, - they had quite a stir-up down at old Tom's – they didn't want him to go back but he would go, he said “ there was nobody to stop for now his mother was gone”.</p> <p>Shall keep that shilling in remembrance(sic) of you an(d) Husbourne Crawley.</p> <p>I must now conclude, we are all well at home and hope you are the same. I hope I shall soon see you down there directly. I must conclude now as there is nothing else to say. I am your loving Brother W.H. Jones.</p>
Undated	No. 1522 H.M.S. St. Vincent Portsmouth	<p>Dear Lou, I arrived quite safe and got aboard alright. Feel dused(sic) miserable, - got nothing to amuse yourself with, so I thought I would write to you, as now I got time, but shall not be able to post it tll tomorrow as I haven't got no stamps. Shall write home too – but when, I can't say, to night prahaps(sic), - it is according how I take it in me head, and their(sic) is plenty of time to do it.</p> <p>I don't know as their(sic) is anything else to say. I remain you[r] ever loving Brother Bill xxxxxxxxxxxxxx</p>

		X you must expect it when you get it
May 3 rd 1894	No. 1522 H.M.S. St. Vincent Portsmouth	Written in faded pencil Dear Lou, Didn't I tell you what was the matter with me?. I was sick and had the diarear(sic), two days, - am out of it now – thank God. Am going to Jim's this afternoon. I are getting over it now (the loneliness), - have got plenty of work to do. Go to Church every Sunday morning on the main deck, and go to the school-room for afternoon service, if not ashore. Can go ashore every Thursday and Sunday and can go ashore Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday, if Jim was to write for me, - and he said he would. I wrote and ask(ed) him to write for me for next Saturday and Sunday, - I expects he will. Are out in the fields now – Gosport side, witnessing a Cricket Match. I hope you will come down directly you can, - need not be in a hurry till I come home, the(n) I shall be able to see Husborne Crawley once more. Dear Lou, I wish you could make me a plain cake, for the sea makes me hungry, and if you buy and(any) thing it is all sweet stuff, - and I don't like too much of that. Am quite well, and hope you are. I am your loving Brother Bill. Write often. Shall write home tonight. Write to George after I get another from you.
Undated	No. 1522 H.M.S. St. Vincent Portsmouth	Dear Lou, I have got my clothes and are going ashore to-morrow (Sunday) to see Jim and Mary. Dear Lou, I have wrote home when I was in sick bay, you tell them I am (as) well as ever again. Dear Lou, will you come down with me after the midsummer holidays?, are coming home about the twenty ninth of June or so, if you are not home, I shall come over and see you, dear Lou, I shall be glad to see you down here as quick as you like, to cheer us up a bit – for I feel lonely enough. On Sunday night I saw the Serapis and the Royal Sovereign come in harbour last week. Dear Lou, I tell you what I should like – for you to send me a packet of envelopes and paper, for it is cruel – have to give a penny for 3 sheets of paper and envelopes. Dear Lou, we don't have much time for letter writing. As soon as you get in the school-room the bugle goes for general assembly, then you come back, you write a few more words, then it goes “stand by hammocks”, then you have to go and get your bed. I am quite well at present, and hope you are the same, - don't forget the number. I am your affectionate Brother Bill Write home and tell them I'm well.
Undated	2 nd . Sec. No. 1522 H.M.S. St. Vincent Portsmouth Hants	Dear Lou, I received your letter and also your parcel, - am getting used to the ship and the watches. I am first part of port watch, Second division on the left hand side of the ship, - have been aloft twice since I been here. Have got to pass out of that – got to go over the mast head three times before you pass out. It (h)as been “sail drill” all this week – have to hoist about thirteen boats – they call them cutters, Port watch half and Starboard watch the other half, - the days seem to slip away quick enough now. Shall be home about the 29 th of June for about three weeks. Shall go ashore and see Jim, if the leaf(sic) is not stopped. T will be alright when I get off this ship and get on another, such as a man of war. I think I have told you all the news, will tell you more next time I write. I now conclude with fondest love and best wishes.

		List of 27 various sporting events all awarded cash prizes.
June 13 th 1894	No address given	<p>Dear Lou, I have not had much time for writing much latly(sic). I received your stamps alright, but, sorry to say, the sports didn't come off after I wrote to you. I heard that it was today, then I heard again that it wasn't, - not toll after the Holidays.</p> <p>Dear Lou, I went ashore last Saturday and Sunday. Had a very good time of it with Harry. The Boorers was alright and Jim said he was going to write to you.</p> <p>Dear Lou, am coming home the 4th of July for certain.</p> <p>Dear lou, have but a short note for you this time, - have passed out of another instruction today, owe a letter for home and one to Billy Goom. You must not expect above one more letter till I come home – so busy. Must conclude now, with fond love.</p> <p>I am your ever loving Brother Bill</p> <p>Excuse scribble – as am in a hurry.</p>
Aug. 9 th 1894	No address given	<p>On embossed crested notepaper.</p> <p>Dear Lou, I received your letter quite safe, and was glad to get it I have got over that miserable fit after the first day or two – as jolly as ever now. They told me at home that they had had a letter from George. I expect one too. Glad you liked the peas – that was because I brought them, - you will soon be coming down here.</p> <p>The old Vic. (Victory??) is gone in dock to be repaired – her bottom, or something of that sort.</p> <p>Dear Lou, I started this letter a week ago – the 8th, haven't had any time to write before, (h)as I took on cook (cook's duties) for a week, leave it off today, the 15th – glad of it too, - got no time to do anything hardly, when your'e cook. Made the doff (duff) twice since I took on. You're surposed(sic) to take it on for a week, after you('ve) been their(sic) three months. I have been here four months next Tuesday 20th, - don't seem so long as all that.</p> <p>Had a letter from George and also one from Lean and some books from Lean. We had the sports, but I never thought much of them.</p> <p>Lean tell(s) me you have given your notice in. You must write and let me know how and what you gave it for.</p> <p>Dear Lou, will you write home and tell them that I received their letter and also the books, but tell them there was only two instead of three.</p> <p>Dear Lou, I have also sent George's letter, - what they sent me, and my own. Keep mine for me, but send theirs on to them, as they asked me to send it back.</p> <p>I must conclude, with best love and fondest wishes from Your loving Brother Bill.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">X</p>
Sept. 6 th 1894	No address given	<p>Dear Lou, I daresay you thought I was nevergong to answer your letter. To tell you the truth we always ot something to do – never got any time to yourself unless you are ashore.. Hope you enjoy yourself at the Feast, hope you will have a dance and enjoy a(n) old pastime. You must let us know and get us a relic of the Feast, for a remembrance(sic) of the 8th of September – the first time I have been away from it. – should not trouble if I was there now.</p> <p>I delivered Molly's letter, she was plased with (it). You must fetch us some apples down here for I feel as if I could eat one or two.</p> <p>Dear Lou, I don't suppose you will get much of my duff, because there's</p>

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		<p>too many of them eat it, to be much. Shan't write no more – you can if you will again. Must close with my fondest love. From your loving Brother Bill</p> <p>P.S. Am in a racing boat called the Saint. She won the cup the other day.</p>
Sept. 9 th 1894	H.M.S. St. Vincent Portsmouth	<p>Dear Lou, I received your letter and (was) glad to hear from you, I thought you wasn't going to write again. Dear Lou, you will let me know what time you are coming down. You will have to come at 9- 7 a.m. if you want to have the best part of the afternoon, will meet you at Molly's if you don't a(t) Fratton Station. (continues in pencil), if you let me know the time you will be there. I expect you won't get there before 2 pm. Don't forget some apples and that jacket , vests and trousers for Henry, as they are in a very poor plight (the Rustons ?) . Haven't been on a night leave for a fortnight – it don't matter, as I know of, as I would sooner be aboard, as the kids are always messing up your clothes. (It would) look nice if I was to go there with a pair of cloth trousers, and get them covered all over with grease, but what I like being ashore for, is because you have the evening in the town. It ain't the food as you have, because you can get plenty of food aboard when the local boys are ashore. Dear Lou, what is Lean doing now, all the time?, - you never said anything about her latly(sic). Don't forget about the apples. I remain your ever loving Brother Bill.</p>
Undated	1522 H.M.S. St. Vincent Portsmouth Hants	<p>Dear Lou, Glad to hear you got home alright, - hope you will soon be down here. I hope you enjoyed your young self at the Feast, - did you have a dance at the schoolroom?, - you must let me know, and come down as quick as you can for I am longing to see you. Jim had wrote a letter to you, when I was there last Sunday. Thank you for the stamps – they come in handy enough, but whenever you write to me with stamps in, send it so as to get there at Divisions, Saturday. Should like to see Jerry, and give him y best respects when you see him again. How s P. Gaskins getting on, now his mother is dead? – misses her, I bet. Dear Lou, I think I told you I was in the racing boat, - should like for you to come down in time so (h)as to see us race of(f) the Ryde and Esplanade regatta off Southsea beach on the 21st of this month. Am getting along well in my instructions. I think I have told you all now. I remain your ever loving Brother Bill</p> <p>xxxxxx have xxxxxx them whem wem meetmm</p>
Undated	H.M.S. St Vincent Portsmouth Harbour Hants	<p>Written on notepaper decorated with a Grenadier Guardsman</p> <p>Dear Lou, I never came ashore today, it being my Sunday aboard to Divisions. They put me in a boat, so I couldn't come ashore unless I got somebody to take on for me. You must write and let me know whether you can come out next Thursday, - then I will meet you, but if you don't write I shan't come ashore. Dear Lou, I never saved any money this week. Bought a packet of writing paper, and then came stamps, so I spent the lot. I had a letter from home – they said that they had had a letter from you. Dad said that he had dug Mr. Sedgewick's grave. He said it was the</p>

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		largest funeral he had ever seen at Bletchley, what with clubs and Loco., besides lots of outsiders. There (is) no more news from home, so must close with fond love from your Brother Bill.
Nov. 16 th 1894	H.M.S. St. Vincent	Dear Lou, I received your little parcel, but didn't expect it (that) so big, by half. If you had sent me one like that one as I showed you Sunday, it would be plenty big enough, - but so much the better – I can put my best serge jumper and frock as well in it. I told Jim about that stuff, but he persuaded me to put it (to) one side, as he said it was dangerous. He said that a man is supposed not to be found with more than as much as he could hold in his hand, so I think it as well to put it (to) one side. (?????!!!!?????) Dear Lou, I should liketo get a sea going cap with a different (tallie??). Write and let me know whether I should or know (no)., two or three more lanyards as well, - can get a cap for 2/2 & tallie and all. I shan't come ashore Sunday, don't expect. I remain your ever loving Brother Bill
17/12/94	No address	Dear Lou, I just received my prize. G. Whitfield will bring it to you, so you can bring it to morrow when you come. Haven't got nowhere to put it at the present, Bill

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<p>Undated Wednesday night (but enclosed envelope postmarked what looks like 1st Oct.)</p>	<p>43, Froddington Rd. Somers Road</p>	<p>My Dear Willie, So very sorry to say I cannot manage to get to you tomorrow, as I am going to see a lady tomorrow about a situation. Come straight here from the ship, for I go in the morning. Will let you know all particulars tomorrow. Had a letter from home on Monday, - they are quite well – you can read it when you come tomorrow. Must close, and remain always, your loving Lou.</p>
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<p>Undated Sunday night (but see bold text re Fred and his mother's death in Lena's letter of April 24th.)</p>	<p>43 Froddington Road Southsea</p>	<p>Dear Louie, I now answer your letter, of which I was pleased to receive, although I would sooner see yourself, I am pleased to say that we are all well, with one Exception, - that is Henry, & his eyes are very bad – so bad that he very often has to stop home for days. It is a great drawback to him & to us. Otherwise we are, all of us, all well. I suppose you have heard that Fred is home, also that his Mother is dead & he has left the Navy. I have not much news to tell you, or I should have written before, only we have had a lot of burglaries in the town & a scene with a draft of soldiers going to India, also a case of poisoning with a soldier & wife down on my Delivery, of which I send you an account. Mother is about the same, - Mary & the children went up last week. Hoping you will drop a line to say when you are coming. I must now conclude, with love from Jim & Mary to our Louie..</p> <p>In Mary's handwriting across the bottom of the letter :</p> <p>Dear Louie, I hope you are quite well, and you must forgive us for not writing before. Have you given your notice in yet?. I dare say you are longing to be down here again, make haste and make up your mind and come. I am very sorry for Fred. He has not told us what he is going to do. I dare say he will join the Navy again. So with love from all, write and let us know how you are. From Mary</p>
<p>Undated</p>	<p>43 Froddington Rd.</p>	<p>My Dear Lou, Just a few lines, as Jim keeps on saying he is going to write and then put(s) it off, but he says that he will write on Sunday.. I hear that you have given you[r] notice in, I dare say you will soon be popping(sic) down. I should advise you to come before the Summer is over. Bill says that Aunty is coming down, - we should very much like to see her, but you ought to come before the weather breaks up. I hope you are all quite well, down home, as it leaves us all well here. Little (???) buster???) gets on fine, - he is a "dada" boy, he is 13 months to morrow, he is a fine little fellow. Daisy goes to the Board School now, - you will see a difference in her when you see her, - they will be looking out for Aunty ou – so hurry up. I have no more room left to write more. Will write Sunday.</p> <p>From your Loving Cousins Jim & Mary</p> <p>Jim xxxxxxx Jim sends his best love to our Lou Mary xxxxxxx</p>
<p>23/3/94</p>	<p>Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers Gd. Shaftesbury Rd. Dover Kent</p>	<p>Written on Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Crested Notepaper</p> <p>Dear Lou, I now take the pleasure of writing these few lines to you hoping you are quite well & In Good Heath, as I am. Glad to say, it leaves us all quite well &, Dear Lou, you must excuse us for being so unkind as not to answer you[r] letter. As the reason is because I have been away for some time & Gertie (h)as been at home, & of course we could not answer, & Dear Lou, Gertie is quite well & also all the children, & of course, I can only say that Dolly is getting on quite well. As regards to her Gramma (Grandma?) Lettie, for of course, we have nothing to do with her, - now her Gramma (h)as got her all together now & Dear Lou, I am glad to tell you Emma is got spliced to her Sailor Boy & they seam(sic) to get on alright. & Dear Lou, I suppose you have not left you[r] place yet & Dear Lou, I hope your Brother & his wife arrived in India quite safe, & Dear Lou, - you were speaking about a Photo. I</p>

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		<p>cannot say when you will receive(d) one for we are getting old now & the Boy is a fine rascal, for he is up to ever more on the Board – just the same as his Mother, for – God (k)nows, she was a Devil when I first (k)new her.</p> <p>So now I must conclude by sending our best respect(s) to you, and believe us to be yours truly</p> <p>Mr. & Mrs. Brace</p> <p>Good bye</p> <p>Write soon</p> <p>xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxx</p> <p>Your Mad Mowrah</p>
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