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June 18th 1916

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So Jessie is working in the garden, how does she like it, does she stay at Rebecca's, how far is she from her work. There is quite a few lady gardeners around here, all the men are at the front. When had you word from the boy's at the front. I am expecting a letter from Robert George soon, I wrote him over a week ago. I didn't hear from Willie for quite a long time, I never hear from Dannie either. I must stop now and get something to eat. Well I had my dinner, roast beef & cabbage & C.P.R. strawberries better known as pines. then I went to the Salvation Army and had a cup of tea, so I feel better now. We get a cup of tea for a penny & a penny for each piece of cake, they sell ham & eggs for one shilling that includes tea & two slices of bread, with of these put together - cost make a meal.

So they got another cow at home now, I hope they will have better luck with it than they had with the others. They should disinfect the byre well, and keep the dog out of it. Father said that the dog

was in the straw had something to do with the cows getting a swelling at the throat. There must be something the matter when they all die with the same trouble, its been pretty hard luck for them. I haven't heard from them at home since I came back. I guess they are all keeping well. I wonder how English Tom is keeping, he was pretty sick when I was home. Well we had a great time this last week, we finished our musket by a week ago today, and I've done nothing since, except clean one pair of boots & a belt and make a bed every day, pretty soft eh. I'm on the staff now, so I don't have to do any drill. The only thing that is worrying me now, is when they are going to give me a new rig out, the one I have is threadbare.

What functions is this they are having over the Clashmore estate, what Sandy is it that it took £30 to bury. Well Dear Joe I think that is all I had to say at present trusting this finds you well & hoping to hear from you soon again with Love I Remain
Your Loving Brother Alex

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