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Orpington Kent Eng  
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Dear Mrs McArthur

You see I am back at dear old "Orpy" every thing here is lovely and luxurious. It like a little bit of heaven after France. Comfortable beds, hot water & bath rooms etc. etc. I certainly appreciate it as never before. Yesterday I heard a girl criticizing things in general and found out she had only been over from Canada a few months. I was glad when some one took her up and told her a few things about France such as no baths, granite mugs & plates etc etc. There certainly is not much reason for criticism here.

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I wrote you I think that I had been recalled to England here our chief was very good to me gave me leave at once altho I did not ask for it Then said "certainly" I might go to my own unit which was something as "I have heard" she is not always so gracious On coming here the matron mark you actually embraced me of course I almost swooned in her arms but recovered in time to tell her how please I was to be back. She posted me next day for the Operating Room (between you & I this is

Supposed to be a compliment)  
I would much rather be on  
The wards with the Tommy's  
now of course the work is  
good for me in the O.R.

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It requires a brushing up generally one forgets many little things in the rush of nursing up the line and it will do me good I know Just before going back to private nursing. The big question is am I going back to private nursing I think sometimes but again I must do something I will not decide until I go home I guess you are anxious to know whether I am contemplating anything else or not Well I am not nothing like that for me perhaps I have been foolish but I do not think so.

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I have no idea when I am going home a few are being boarded every day but so far I have heard nothing

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It might be any day however It is quite a problem going home Too. Percy is alone and really needs me – is it not so? Yet I cannot remain there very well at any rate I want to see the other members of the family & so will feel like going West my letters travel so far before They reach me that many of them get lost I think my last from Jessie was written

on Christmas night  
I want you to thank Arch  
for me for the papers. I do  
appreciate getting them  
more than I can tell you  
I pass them on to other sisters  
or patients from Grey.  
I received the parcel a few  
day ago with stockings  
handkerchiefs & calendar. The

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snap is simply sweet of  
Mayme & the boys not to  
Mention the dog. It is hanging  
in my room & you may  
be sure I often look at  
it.

I have not received the box  
from the church or W.P.L. as  
yet. but they will come yet  
as I received a Christmas  
letter or card almost every  
day.

I must tell you about some  
nice people I know. A year  
ago land November I had an  
officer patient come in (I was  
in Belgium then at Casualty  
Clearing) he was terribly  
Wounded, leg & arm compound  
fractures both eyes apparently  
gone & simply soaked in  
mud generally we did

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all we could for him, kept him  
for a week until he was fit to  
travel sent him to a special  
Eye Hospital from then until  
new years eve This year I heard  
nothing of him. Then I heard  
he was at St. Dunstans so I  
went to see him. One eye has

been removed but with the  
other he can see daylight  
from dark that is about all  
He is in splendid condition  
otherwise. He was please  
to see me & I am so  
proud of him he insisted  
upon taking me to meet his  
wife they have a nice flat  
& she is a charming girl  
He is from Toronto & she by  
the way is a daughter of  
Mr Verity the plough man  
Really they are the most

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charming people I have met  
for a long time. I had them  
as guests on mess night <for dinner> &  
for

the dance They dance very  
very well. he although blind  
was I think the best dancer  
here. It was quite amusing  
so many people say we look  
alike I was asked many  
times if he was my brother  
I felt compliments I assure  
you he is a fine looking big  
chap. He is studying Brail  
short hand & will soon finish  
his course.

My pen is going dry so I must  
Stop as I have no ink here I  
am in the Operating Room. After  
hours every one has gone.

Three years tomorrow since I  
joined the army & my watch  
is going splendidly Heaps of love  
Euphie