

Here is a little verse
I had sent me Dont
you like it
“Forever mine my friend
From June
to life’s
December
not mine to have or hold
But to pray for
and remember*

December 31 1916[†]

Dear Mrs McArthur
This is new years eve and I
suppose we are almost all thinking
of the homeland and the home folk
It has been quite a nice day for
me I was invited out to dinner
at noon with Capt & Mrs Fallis
They were married just before
coming over and have started
house keeping here. we had a
good dinner Then I came home
and went on duty at 3. The
remainder of the day was quite
busy. Lunch (on Sunday) at 7 then

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to church a very nice service I am
beginning to like the English church
service very much. There will
be a midnight service 11:45 which
I think will be well attended
I am sure it will be impressive
quite a number of the patients spoke
of going. One little chap said
sister I want to go if some one
will take me he has one leg
off and the other badly fractured
He has been here a long while &
now gets up in a wheelchair

* Written vertically across top of page

[†] Written on Ontario Military Hospital Orpington, Kent
letterhead

our patients will soon be all
Canadian I think we have more
now than we have had all summer
I think a mixed ward by far
The best of course we are always

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glad to see Canadians. I told Jessie
of Pte Traynor-Jack I think he
seems to be very nice chap quiet
and a good patient he is not on my
ward however so that I do not
see him often. He will not go to
France again say he will have
permanent Base duty. I thot it would
be nice for his people to know He
does not write home and I told him I
was going to tell so he said alright.
I have looked for mail until I
am tired my roommate had 7
letters waiting for her & I got none
Oh for letters! There is nothing
like them
I am terribly tired and would
give a good deal for a week off

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but army regulations are law
and my vacation comes in June
I am giving the boys (I have 50)
A nice tea tomorrow I was
given a pound to spend so
I thot that as good as anyway
to spend it It will be sandwiches
cake (Mrs Fallis gave us a lovely one)
Tea biscuit Fruit salad & whipped cream
nuts & candy. Of course it will be the
usual granite dishes & that spoils it
Imagine a big granite (green) mug!
Tomorrow afternoon the O.C.[‡] & wife will
receive the matron & sisters 4 to 6 I will
try to go. In the evening we are to be entertained
in the officers mess – the first time They

[‡] Officer Commanding

have always come to ours instead. Thursday
& Friday I am invited out to tea. Wednesday
my ½ day intend going to London to pantomime
“Puss in new Boots” It is to much dissipation [?]
for one week – as much as I have done
all summer I think. I might to go to bed
instead but Im not. Very best wishes for
The New Year Euphie