

Address will follow - France

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Dear Mr. Hammond,

I am writing this from hospital prior to undergoing a slight operation which will probably keep me in bed from some weeks. There's no danger though, for Christ is with me & will bring me back to resume duty at the Little Church in His cause. We came in from the battle of ---- a few days ago & I noticed a YMCA hut amongst the shell-scarred remains of what used to be a town. To my great delight I found M. Greenberg who came over on the same boat with me. Now just tell the fellows at the Brotherhood the sequel. That evening he & I prayed together. The next evening 4 came & the following evening 10, then 12 and then 15. All unasked or unadvertised & all from a floating population from the close fighting line. It has been great & I think will continue until the end of the war forming a connecting link from the 5th D'sion right up to God. It is really marvellous & the Spirit was there.

Unfortunately I hurt myself during a big fight we had & did not report it, hoping it would heal itself, and then I knew the A.M.C. were worked to death. Yesterday, however, it bowled me over & I am now going to be fixed up (rapture!). I don't think I will be able to stand up to much more hard campaigning like the last 5 days and nights, going all the time, etc, etc & may have to try for something easier. The crowds of men wounded & otherwise who greet me would surprise you. My old crowd went "over the top" & I promised to go with them but was not handy at the time. As bad luck would have it, they lost all their officers before charging & so I would have been a real help to them. Still they did grandly! Australia may well be proud of her sons for there can be nothing finer or braver. All we want here is more of them & plenty of guns. Any quantity of the latter. Each gun means a day nearer the end & I really know that as soon as we can swamp their infernal fire we must win.

God bless you and all at the Brightest Spot. Always remember me in all prayers for such is my security both spiritual and bodily. Then I'll be certain to come back & pass a more cheery word & a more Christian example on to the "other fellow"

Kindest regards to Mrs Hammond,

Yrs,

George