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C. R. Hodge Esq,
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Sir,

In reply to your memo of the 4th inst relative to information in respect to R. L. V. Gambrell during his absence abroad on active service, and I have much pleasure in acceding to your request for the information at my disposal.

3265. R. L. V. Gambrell embarked for service in The A. I. F. for Egypt, on the 27th of October 1915, as private in the 11th Reinforcements to the 16th Battalion, arriving at Zeitoun Camp on the 23rd of November, where he spent the next two months in training.

In January 1916, he was moved on to Moassa, when the reinforcements were formed into the 48th Battalion.

His next move was to Seraphicum, back to the Suez Canal, thence to Tel-el-Kiber, and on to the Arabian frontier, to complete fortifications previously started, and back again to the Canal, during which time the hardships were many and varied.

On or about the 4th of June, he left Egypt with his Battalion for France, as Grenadier or Bomb Thrower. In July he was appointed company clerk, he also took an active part in the Bazieres and Somme engagements, during July and August, where he was promoted to Lance Corporal.

The last letter received from him, was dated October the 4th, in which he mentions that he with his Battalion had been resting for three weeks, but was about to renew their acquaintance with Fritz on the following day, I am very pleased to state that during his 13½ months on active service he has lost no time either through sickness, wounds, or accident.

Yours faithfully

J. L. Gambrell