

Transcript

Copy of a letter from George Francis Murphy from Gallipoli written on 21st November 1915

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21.10.15

Dear Girl/

It is now a week since I came out of the hospital, and I am very much improved in health, though still very weak./ I had a lovely dose of Enteric, but now that has gone I should be fairly immune.

It is bitterly cold here, worse than ever it has been, - water lately is very scarce, only ½ gallon (1/4 at times) for all purposes, so one gets a wash every 3 days. The weather apparently has been too bad for the water ships to get near shore. They can only come during dark, as the beach is constantly under artillery fire.

The mails lost were those written on 13th 14th & 15th – all our Xmas mails. – I fancy two or three of yours have gone. The mails dated 28th June from Sydney were lost, and rumour says another lot has gone since. – But let us

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hope it is idle rumour again. I am sending off a cable to you tomorrow, as my first letter from hospital will be making the way to Ba [Bathurst?] now. We send our cables from here on Mondays to catch the weekend rates at Alexandria the following Sunday. – We always put the date on which we write, so “fourteenth all well,” means 14th of the month. – and never refers to a unit. –

I received papers 2nd Oct (Herald & Times) today – no parcels or letters but there is another bag in now. The only parcel I have had from Aust. contained the vests & sox. I fancy I'll turn in now, and tomorrow maybe I shall get a letter from you. I am very tired.

Goodnight, and love for you and boy.

Your loving

Geo

Dates on which letters written enclosed.