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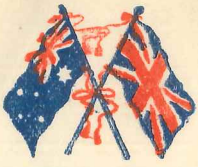
Mr Hodge

Dear Sir

Your letter to hand re my son. he enlisted in May last and he was told he would have to have his toe taken off if he wanted to go to the front. (He had Hammer toe) which he did. Well he had septic poisoning after it was off so that he had nearly three 3 months in hospital and convalescent - went back to camp was picked as stand by on last October - but did not have to go - he has just gone back from his long leave. He is to sail on or about the 12 of this month. Should you wish to write him his address is. Sapper F. A. Kingston Signaling School, Mitcham.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely  
E. Kingston



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Mr Hodge  
Dear Sir

On the day  
Ive received your letter - I  
wrote to my son and intended  
enclosing letter you sent to me  
was writing to you same mail  
and was in a hurry to catch  
mail and by mistake put it  
in your letter by mistake.  
I am very sorry that it should  
have happend so. I would not  
have known any different but I  
had a letter from him last night  
and he said it was not  
in his letter - trusting you  
will not mind as I have  
explained.

Believe me yours

Very sincerely

E. Atkinson