

Durham House  
Gloucester.  
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Dear Sir,

In reply to memo received  
on 6<sup>th</sup> Inst. My Com. F. W. Schneider  
is at present in Belgium, where he is  
engaged in Red Cross work.

He enlisted in June 1915. Sailed on Jan  
11<sup>th</sup> 1916 - He has been working ever since  
rescuing the wounded & dying, without a  
single day's rest or recreation, with the  
exception of eight long weeks spent in  
Hospital in France - He has not been  
wounded, only sick & run down -

He is still a Private. Out of his unit of  
80 men, only 20 remained two months ago.  
Once when he had been left behind to  
help at Base Hospital the Germans fired  
deliberately on the boys, killing & disabling  
60 - Whether this was intended for infantry  
or not is doubtful, but the A.M.C. suffered.



His brother (Younger) enlisted at same  
time but he is in France -

He writes bright cheerful letters but is looking  
forward to his return to South Australia  
Both boys have had two birthdays on Camp.  
Hoping this will be of use to you

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Yours faithfully  
M. F. Schneider  
per A.L.L.