

Somewhere in France

Sept 2nd 1917

My Dear Lil,

Just a few lines to let you know I am I had a letter from Mag yesterday, she says you are growing into a fine looking woman. I am beginning to think that my little sister will be capturing one of those squatters' sons up Elsmore way, but don't forget that he will have to pass by me first. Sid was telling me that your old friend "Beetles" has enlisted. I haven't seen anything of Offa Pen or Nobby O'Brien yet. I had Jim to see me about a fortnight ago. He looks well. He is in a different lot. He said Bob is here somewhere. I may strike him later on. Mag was telling me you sent me a parcel, thanks very much Kid. It hasn't arrived yet but will turn up later on. I hear from Grace has a bad foot. Thel says that you never write to her. Is that a fact. She goes up home pretty often and always has a good time. Don't forget to write to her. I sent you a couple of cards, I hope you get them.

.....several lines now indecipherable.....

Sometimes I don't think you are getting all of my letters. I write pretty often. The would be of a great bit of style with their photo's. Yes, Herbert would soon lose the Pee Wee if he were over here.

Is that young chap still at the Elsmore Post Office? I've a young chap in the 1st Bat from Elsmore. I forget his name but he lives somewhere near Love's place, tall thin..... . He is just as quiet as

Bob Clark is in hospital wounded. Corporal Guillow has been wounded again. Jim met Murray Southwell, looks very thin Well Lil, I haven't any news. So hoping you are all well.

Love to all

Your Loving brother

Sam

P.S (over the page)

Have just received a letter from you written 25th June . That's make two I have had from you. Will let you know when I get the parcel.

Sam

Please note Indicates that the writing is no longer decipherable

Notes

i. Offa Pen is Offa Penberthy Service No 7054-of Elsmore
Enlisted -28-10-1916.

ii. (Nobby) O'Brien is Norman Roy O'Brien-Service No 7051 of Elsmore
Enlisted -28-10-1916.

iii. Corporal Guillow is Bernard Guillow Service No 3072 of Hoxton Park -
Enlisted 3-8-1915.

iv. Bob Clark is Robert Clark Service No 2880 of "Davon Dell", Marrickville-
Enlisted 28-9-1916.

v. (Murray) Southwell is Marcius Dawson Southwell Service No 2489 of East
Hills (Address listed as Public School Residence, East Hills)
Enlisted 29-5-1916.