

FROM THE TRENCHES

conventions, held the paper. These scraps are typical of many read to me :

“ Dear brother,—I hope you are well, as this leaves me. I am quite well. And I have not written before, as there has been no time. And I hope She and all are well. Please give them my love. I have seen —, and we have seen lots of fighting. I think that is all, so must end. Love to — and —.—Yours affectionately, etc.”

“ Dear Dad,—This is the first time I have written, and I have had no letter. Please write soon, and ask Mum and sisters to write. I am quite well, as I hope this finds you. It is very hot, and it is bad for the horses. Baby Bob must be a big chap now. Give him my love. A gentleman is taking this. Tell all to write and send some cigarettes.

I will not write any more, so will end.—

From, etc.