

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT TO PAARDEBURG CHAPTER

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Dear Friend:

I take the liberty of writing a few lines to thank you kindly for little bag I received from you the 23-7-16 at one of your Hospitals, in France. I am sorry to say I was unfortunate enough to get a little knock on the head a few days ago but pleased to say feeling much better now, since being in your Hospital. I am sure I could not have had more attention at my own home. I think the sisters were most lovely. They are working for all they are worth. Well girls I found everything I needed in my surprise packet (as we call them) the tooth brush and paste are really the very best things that can be included in them. I think as of course we have to leave everything behind when we get wounded. I myself have only been in France a short time. We have been on the sands of the desert in Egypt. I must say this is a much better climate and country in every way. I have plenty to write about but am sorry to say we are not allowed to write what we would like to. All I can say is we are well treated, plenty of work and

plenty to eat, so we just do as others do, growl and keep growling. I suppose that is one privilege we have. Well girls in again thanking you for your great kindness to us, I will close.

I am yours respectively,

H. E. H. Dyke.

Canadian Red Cross, London.

Dear Friends.—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your parcel containing the bag of wonders, and wish to thank you very much for it. I had written you a few days ago saying that I did not I needed anything, but goodness, you knew more about it than I and everything in the bag was so useful.

Doesn't anything from Canada look nice when one is in this damp foggy country anyway.