



## Letter from a soldier to Lily Dytham, thanking her for egg

The National Egg Collection Scheme was run through schools to support injured, recovering servicemen. Letters by children were sent with the fresh eggs and warm thanks received back, some were published in local papers.

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Exeter

My Dear Little Lily,

Just a line in answer to your last letter. I am very pleased to say I am feeling fine and that I have returned from the Convalescent Home after a nice time. I have returned here to be discharged on leave for ten days, as you always have to come back to the Hospital after convalescence to let them see how you are, or if you are fit for duty or not. So I shall very likely be going out to my home in a few days.

So cheer up, Lily. I know you're glad I am better as well as your dad and mam, as I know your feelings and I am proud of the way you all think of our hardships. But ours is a Very Happy Lot when we know there are such as you looking after us with your cheery smiling faces and what you do for our comfort. So you see, we've got something to fight for and are proud to do it for you.

So, dear Lily, you have done your bit as well as me and I think no end of you for doing so. No doubt you will still be wondering what sort of a man this is. Well, I am tall, 5ft 8ins, blue eyes with fair hair, 22 years old, strong now and very upright. Now do you feel better? Yes, you can laugh if you like dear Little Girl.

Well, please remember me to dad and mam and please accept XXX for the kind letters you have sent me in the past and I shall anticipate more news of you in the near future. I will close now, wishing you and yours everything you wish yourself and remain your ever true friend.

Trooper Reg. Gordon Cox 2286  
Devon Yeomanry

PS. Write back soon as I may be gone from here by Monday, Dear Lily.