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up to the counter where a girl who we afterward learned had come over from London in May after the big Blity came up to serve us. After much awkward describing of sizes, descriptions of the colours worn, and filling in of papers we finally arrived at the stockings required and finished our business. I couldn't help but admire and feel thankful for the willing cooperation of this young lady who served us, in what was to me a not very pleasant task. I hope that Mollie & Mary will like the stockings and that they will arrive safely. I am sorry I couldn't send anything for you Mum & Dad but it would

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not have been worth it owing to the extraordinarily high prices, the duty, and the limited amount you were allowed to send. When we had at last finished our shopping we went and booked seats at the Alhambra before taking our goods back to the boat. I am sure you would have had a good laugh could you have seen Ralph and I walking about with these well-filled carrier bags for all the world like two much-married women doing their weekly shopping. The next thing after more or less extricating ourselves from the ship through multitudes of Red-baps who carefully scrutinized our passes was to

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have tea, after which we went and sat down in the Theatre waiting for the show to start.

The main attractions at this show were firstly a concert given by members of our convoy and a Girls Band from Jo'burg and the film "A Date with Destiny". I thoroughly enjoyed the programme the Girls drum & Bugle Band was simply marvellous and our chaps gave a really tip-top show. Upon walking back to the ship this night as with the other nights we were there, much amusement was caused by the quaint horses and cabs which were rushing to and fro along the Dock Road these cabs seem to

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be an off-spring of the old hanson cab and appeared very much out of place among the modern-day traffic. Everyone was recounting their different experiences when we filling in the time prior to getting into our bunks and without exception they all remarked upon the exceptionally remarkable reception which the people of Capetown had given them, believe me I have never witnessed such hospitality anywhere before such as was there, nothing was too much for them. The following morning (Saturday) we came back to the normal routine of our ship-board life, and round about dinner-time we slipped

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our moorings and moved out into the Bay where we dropped anchor for a short while, by teatime after having had an opportunity of taking in some of the wonderful scenery of the Bay we got under way and with the coastline slipping quickly into the background I took one last glimpse of the Table Mountain and said a quiet goodbye to some of the grandest people I have ever seen and to 3 days and a bit of the most interesting leave I have ever spent, although I would have willingly forfeited all this for just one day back with you in England. I hope you won't get too bored wading

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through this lot, I hope this will help to make up for all the days you have been without. We have been issued with a rather nice souvenir of this voyage this morning, those who were lucky enough to draw them an initiation card as a memento of crossing the equator, signed by the Ship's Captain. I hope you will hang a stocking up for me this year. I know you will think about me on Christmas Day what a grand day it will be when we are all together once more. I am enclosing a silver leaf which I got from Capetown this is the only place in the world where they grow and the inhabitants are forbidden to pick them, there is

CITY OF CAPE TOWN

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VISITING TROOPS

(SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIRMEN)

WITH PARTICULARS OF FREE ENTERTAINMENTS, REFRESHMENTS, ETC

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VISITORS' INFORMATION BUREAU

LOWER ADDERLEY STREET

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from Britain - who were
well & enjoying their leave
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ING YOUR STAY!

The following organizations are anxious to assist in the entertainment of visiting soldiers and sailors, who are cordially invited to make contact :

ROTARY CLUB. Secretary, L. J. Druiff, 146 Adderley Street, corner of Wale Street. Telephone : 2-6271.

MASONIC FELLOWSHIP. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to telephone any of the following : J. Russell (2-9851 or 4-1530) ; A. A. Wintour (5-3296 or 4-4001) ; T. Nimmo (2-9294 or 4-3111).

TOC H. Members or friends are invited to get in touch; telephone 2-2904.
M.O.T.H. (Memorable Order of Tin Hats). All information about meetings, etc., obtainable from Publicity Bill, telephone 2-1561 or 4-2902.

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION will be pleased to welcome visitors in the mornings at Standard Bank Chambers, 144 Longmarket Street.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE. Headquarters, Settlers' Club, 60, Queen Victoria Street. H.C.S. Telephone : 7-2773.

R.A.O.B. (Silverleaf Lodge). Meetings every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at No. 29, Aberdeen Street, Woodstock. Take trams Nos. 10, 11 or 12 from Adderley Street.

UNION OF JEWISH WOMEN: 506 (5th floor), Alliance House, 48 St. George's Street. Telephone 3-1985.

SOME HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Cape Town is anxious to make your stay as pleasant as possible ; please do not be afraid to ask your hosts if there is anything you specially want to see or do.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS. You will be cordially welcomed at any of the canteens and organizations mentioned on page 1.

EXCURSIONS. There are many famous beauty-spots around Cape Town and the excursions mentioned on page 2 are well worth while. There are beautiful places to visit along the False Bay coast ; take electric train (from Station, No. 2 on Map) to Muizenberg, or No. 12 bus (free) from Adderley Street as far as Wynberg and train for remainder of the way. The run to Camps Bay by bus (A1 from outside Visitors' Bureau in Adderley Street) is another pleasant seaside drive. Ask also about Kirstenbosch Gardens, Rhodes Memorial, Zoo, Constantia.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS. You are assured of a pleasant social evening at the Canteens, etc., on page 1. Cinemas offer specially reduced prices—there are three close to each other in the City—No. 27 on Map.

NOON PAUSE. At 12 noon a two minutes' silence for wartime prayer is observed by Cape Town citizens. Remember to halt and remain at attention when you hear the bugle call.

NOTE that in South Africa bars and licensed premises are always closed on Sundays.

PLACES OF INTEREST.

TABLE MOUNTAIN AERIAL CABLEWAY. Enables visitors to reach the top of Table Mountain ; in operation every day, weather permitting, at a special fare of 3s. Take Tram No. 3 in St. George's Street to terminus at Kloof Nek, and Cableway bus thence (fare 6d.) to lower Cableway Station.

BOTANICAL GARDENS. In Avenue, leading from top of Adderley Street (No. 20 on Map).

MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES.

SOUTH AFRICAN MUSEUM, top of Avenue (No. 18 on Map) beyond Botanical Gardens.
KOOPMANS-DE WET MUSEUM, 35 Strand Street (No. 26 on Map). Collection of old colonial furniture and antiques.

SOUTH AFRICAN ART GALLERY, Avenue, opposite Museum (No. 15 on Map).
MICHAELIS ART GALLERY, Greenmarket Square (No. 24 on Map). Fine collection of old Dutch paintings.

SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARY.

Avenue (No. 22 on Map), at foot of Botanical Gardens. Free Reading Rooms, etc.

IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY

I am interned in THAILAND

My health is excellent.

~~I am ill in hospital.~~

I am working for pay.

~~I am not working~~

Please see that DAD, JACK, ROSA, AND MARY is taken care

My love to you JAMIE

IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY

Date 10/1/44

Your mails (and) are received with thanks.

My health is (good, usual, poor).

I am ill in hospital.

I am working for pay (I am paid monthly salary).

I am not working.

My best regards to MATEY, JACK, ROSA, MARY,

AND ALL FAMILY

Yours ever,

Jamie

From:

Name **J.E.FROST**

Nationality **ENGLISH**

Rank **LANCE CORPORAL**

Camp

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To:

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Nationality..... BRITISH
Rank..... LANCE CORPORAL
Camp..... No:- 2 P. O. W. Camp,
Thailand.

To:- MRS A. W. FROST
27 RAILWAY ROAD
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FURTHER NEWS OF LOCAL SOLDIERS

More Cards from the Far East

Several more local families have received cards from relatives who are prisoners of war in the Far East.

PTE. C. T. COSTON

A card from her son who is a prisoner of the Japanese has been received by Mrs. E. Coston, of 13, George-street, Wisbech. He states that he is well, unwounded and in excellent spirits.

Pte. Charles Thomas Coston is 23, and on leaving Ramnoth-road Boys' School worked on the Co-operative Society Estate at Friday-bridge. He joined up in 1940, and went overseas with the Royal Norfolk Regiment in October 1941.

PTE. R. P. BEAKLEY

Another local soldier who has notified his relations that he is safe and well is Pte. Rowin Peter Beakley. He sent a card to his father, Mr. Stanley V. Beakley, of Green-lane, Walsoken.

Mr. Beakley was notified in February, 1943, that his son was a prisoner. He went abroad with the Cambs Regiment in October, 1941, and was posted as missing when Singapore capitulated.

SAPPER E. H. PLUMB

"Am in good health. Longing to hear from you. Please give love to all." This is the text of the message received by Mrs. E. H. Plumb,

of George-street, Wisbech, from her husband, Sapper Ernest Hugh Plumb, Royal Engineers, who was captured by the Japanese in Malaya.

Aged 23, he left Ramnoth-road School to enter the employ of Messrs. Tidnam's, Ltd. He joined up at the outbreak of war and was drafted to the

Far East in October, 1941. The last news received from Sapper Plumb was in January, 1942.

PTE. C. J. HOWLETT

A Gorefield man, Pte. Christopher James Howlett, East Surrey Regiment, has sent two cards to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howlett, of The Barracks, Gorefield.

In one he states that he is a prisoner but keeping fit and well, and in the other he states that everything was all right and that he is in the best of health.



PRIVATE HORACE SETCHELL

A card from a Japanese prison camp stating that their son, Private Horace Setchell, is in good health and spirits has been received by Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Setchell, of Ash Tree Farm, Sutton St. Edmund.

Private Setchell joined the Territorials in 1939 and was mobilised at the outbreak of war. A keen cricketer he was a member of the Parson Drove Cricket Club and before joining the Forces he worked as a tractor driver.

His parents received a previous card in July.

SAPPER A. ROBERTS

Further news of her husband's safety has reached Mrs. Roberts, of 208, Lynn-road, Wisbech. Sapper Arthur Roberts writes

that he is in good health and says that his wife and parents are not to worry about his safety.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Roberts, of The Locomotive Inn, Lynn-road, Sapper Roberts was educated at Ramnoth-road School and later worked for Messrs. W. and W. G. West, of Alex-

andra-road. He enlisted at the outbreak of war. He married Miss B. M. Cole, daughter of Mr. Jack Cole.



SAPPER A. H. ANDREW

Though officially notified that their son, Sapper Alwyne H. Andrew, R.E., was a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, Mr. and Mrs. J. Andrew, of 8, Council House, St. John's Fen End, had received no news direct from him until a card bearing Japanese markings arrived on December 24th. It read as follows:

"Am in good health and spirits. Hope you are. Had good Christmas. Hoping to hear from you."

LCE.-CORPL. B. LANCASTER

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lancaster, of the Blackfriars Inn, Wisbech, Lance-corpl. Bernard Lancaster, has written to Miss Joan Hutson of Westmead-avenue stating that he is safe and well.

Before joining the colours at the outbreak of hostilities he worked for Mr. G. F. Rowe. His age is 23. The last news received from him was on Christmas Eve, 1941.

PTE. S. A. FLETCHER

Another soldier of whom nothing had been heard since the fall of Malaya has notified his mother of his safety. He is Pte. Sidney A. Fletcher, and Mrs. C. Fletcher, of 2, Henry-street, received his message.

In civilian life Pte. Fletcher, who is aged

WALSOKEN PARENTS LOSE A SECOND SON

DEATH OF PTE. G. A. WATTS

Mr. and Mrs. G. Watts of Wheatley-bank, Walsoken, have lost a second son within six months by the death of Pte. G. A. Watts on Tuesday.

Pte. Watts, who was 38 years of age, was involved in an accident after he had returned from Christmas leave.

Driver Sidney Watts, another son, was killed in an accident whilst serving in the Middle East.

It is understood that Pte. Watts, who is in the Pioneer Corps, was killed when the lorry in which he was a passenger collided with another vehicle. Before joining up three years ago Pte. Watts was employed at the Theatre Royal, Peterborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts have another son who works at a local bakery.

DEATH OF PTE. WILFRED R. LEVERETT

KILLED IN ITALY

The sad news that their eldest son, Pte. Wilfred R. Leverett has died of wounds received while on active service in Italy, was received by Mr. and Mrs. W. Leverett of 1, Hampton Villas, Chase-street, Wisbech.

Pte. Leverett, whose wife and 14 month-old son live at 52, Loke-road, King's Lynn, worked for Messrs. J. H. Dennick and Son of Lynn before he joined the army in January 1943. Before he was married Pte. Leverett, who is 31 years of age, worked at Wisbech for Messrs. Larking, Larking and Whiting and later for Messrs. Bodger Bros.

SAPPER J. SIMPOLE

A card bearing Japanese markings and dated February, 1943, stating that her husband, Sapper Jack Simpole is fit and well, was received on Christmas Eve by Mrs. J. W. Simpole, of 20, Milner-road, Wisbech.

Sapper Simpole was on the "Advertiser" shop staff before he joined the Royal Engineers at the outbreak of war.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simpole, live at 28, Albert-street. A former card was received in July.

PTE. E. R. HARROP

The first news from their son since he was reported missing in February, 1942, has reached Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrop, of 6, Horse-shoe-terrace, Wisbech. Pte. Eric Raymond Harrop writes that he is unwounded and keeping in good health.

Educated at St. Peter's School, Pte. Harrop was a packer at Messrs. Balding and Mansell. He joined the colours in Septem-

Before enlisting in the Army before the war began, Pte. Howlett, who is 24, was employed by Mr. E. Howlett, of Tydd. He went overseas in December, 1938, and was reported missing after the fall of Malaya.

CORPL. A. E. BURRELL

Mrs. Burrell, who lives at Elm Low-road, Wisbech, received a postcard from her husband, Cpl. A. E. Burrell, Royal Engineers, intimating that he is in good health and spirits.

He attended St. Peter's School and before enlisting at the outbreak of war worked for Mr. Dixon Reeder, of Falcon Warehouses. His wife last heard from him in December, 1941.

DRIVER G. L. SWANN

Mr. and Mrs. J. Swann, of Southwell-road, have received a card from their son, Driver George L. Swann, Royal Engineers, who is a prisoner of the Japanese.

He writes that he is in good health and sends kind regards to all. Before joining up he was a driver for Trinidad Leasholds Ltd.

DRIVER R. WRIGHT

Although she has had two cards from her brother, Driver R. Wright, Mrs. Gibson, of 18, Opportune-road, Wisbech, has not had official intimation from the War Office that he is a prisoner.

The last of these cards Mrs. Gibson received on Christmas Eve, and the writer stated that he was being treated decently. Before joining up Dvr. Wright lived at Newton. He went overseas with the Royal Engineers in 1941. His father died while in a German prison camp in the last war.



LCE.-SERGT. C. TOMBLESON

Mr. and Mrs. W. Tombleson, of 76, Elizabeth-terrace, have this week received a card from their twin son, Lance-sergt. Charles Tombleson, Royal Norfolk Regiment, who was also captured at Singapore. The card was printed and headed "Thailand."

Educated at Outwell (Norfolk) School, he worked for Mr. Roger Wiles, of Sutton Bridge, as a plasterer. He played football for Wisbech Wanderers and Emneth, and he was a good swimmer. His twin brother is in the R.A.F., and his younger brother is in the R.A.S.C.

PTE. F. HARMSTON

Writing from a prison camp to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harmston, of Eslaford, Boyce's-lane, Pte. Frank Harmston, of the Camb. Regiment states that he is quite well.

Aged 23, he joined the Army before the war began. Prior to that he worked for Messrs. Cockett's Fruit Farms. He went abroad with his regiment in 1941, and was reported missing when Singapore capitulated.

was a jolly driver for the Midland Counties Contract Service, prior to which he worked for Mr. J. A. Wakefield, of Wisbech St. Mary. He joined up in January, 1941, and went abroad the following October.

SAPPER A. F. TAYLOR

A prisoner of war who states that he has received news from this country in the form of a letter from his mother, is Sapper Archie Frank Taylor, whose wife, Mrs. A. F. Taylor of Orchard - drive, Wisbech, received news to this effect on Christmas morning.

Sapper Taylor, who is 34 years of age joined the Forces at the outbreak of war and went overseas in October 1941. He was reported missing at the fall of Singapore and the last news from him was received in January 1942.

A keen footballer, cricketer and billiards player, he was educated at the Wisbech Grammar School and formerly worked as a cabinet maker for Messrs. M. H. Osborn, Ltd.

PTE. HARRY BIRD

"Am quite well. Don't worry. Hope you are all well. Fondest love to all." This message from her son, who is in a Japanese camp, was received by Mrs. W. Bird, of 56, Southwell-road, Wisbech, on Christmas eve.

Educated at Fridaybridge, Pte. Bird worked for the Wisbech Produce Cannery. Joining up on the outbreak of war, he was sent overseas in October, 1941. News was received from him in June of the following year.

SERGT. ERNEST FOUNTAIN

Mrs. E. G. Fountain, of 18, St. Peter's-road, has learned that her grandson, Sergt. Ernest George Fountain, is also safe.

An Old Grammarian, Sergt. Fountain was employed by Messrs. Briggs and Co., of High-street before joining the Territorials. He was called up on the outbreak of hostilities. Last May, his father, Mr. R. E. Fountain, of Peterborough, and formerly of 25, West-street, Wisbech, was officially notified that his son was a prisoner.

DRIVER S. A. CLEAVER

Mrs. S. A. Cleaver, of the A.T.S., has heard from her husband, Dvr. S. A. Cleaver, stating that he and "Barger" Brown are well.

Educated at the Queen's School, Driver Cleaver was well known in the town. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. F. Cleaver, who have a grocery business on the Horsefair. Shortly before going abroad with the Royal Engineers in 1941, he married Miss E. B. Croft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Croft, of 162, Elm-road, Wisbech. He was reported a prisoner early in 1943.

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CORPL. S. R. EDGOOSE

Formerly a member of Wisbech Post Office staff, Cpl. Stanley Robert Edgoose has written to his wife at High-street, March, stating that he was quite well. He says he has received two letters written between July 6th and July 26th.

The eldest son of Mr. H. Edgoose, postmaster at Long Sutton, and the late Mrs. Edgoose, he is 29. He joined up at the outbreak of hostilities and went overseas in 1941.

PTE. E. V. TURTON

The welcome news of her husband's safety was received by Mrs. Turton, of 9, George-street, on Christmas Eve. He says he is in good health and spirits, but had had no letters.

He attended Ramnoth-road School, and before joining up in 1940 he was assistant steward at the Alexandra-road Conservative Club for nine years. He is 28 years of age, and was well known as a billiards and snooker player.

PTE. C. A. WHITBY

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whitby, of 7, Whitby-street, Wisbech, have received another card from their son, Pte. Cyril Arthur Whitby, R.A.M.C.—the second since July.

Aged 25, he joined up in December, 1939, prior to which he was employed by Messrs. Bural Bros., Nene Parade. He was a lieutenant in the Boys' Brigade. His brother is Pte. R. E. Whitby, formerly a member of the "Advertiser" staff and now serving abroad.

LCE.-CORPL. J. E. FROST

After months of anxious waiting, Mrs. A. W. Frost, of 12, Railway-road, Wisbech, has had a printed card from her son, Lce.-Corpl. James Ernest Frost, Camb. Regiment.

The card is headed "Imperial Japanese Army," and states that Lce.-Corpl. Frost is interned in Thailand No. 2 Prisoner of War Camp, that his health is excellent and that he is working for pay.

Lce.-Corpl. Frost enlisted in the Territorials in May, 1939. Educated at the Queen's School, he had almost completed his apprenticeship at Messrs. Balding and Mansell's when he was called up. He was a member of the Red Cross, and took a keen interest in sport. The last letter received from him was on January 3rd, 1942.

Mrs. Frost takes this opportunity of thanking those friends who enquired about her son's safety during the anxious period of waiting.

GUNNER LESLIE WRIGHT

News that her husband, Gunner Leslie Wright, who has been a prisoner of war in Italy for the past eighteen months, and has been transferred to Germany, was received by Mrs. L. Wright, of 8, Ware's Cottages, Wisbech, on Tuesday.

The news was contained on a postcard received direct from Gunner Wright, who before the war worked for Messrs. W. T. Ware, Ltd., nurserymen, North Brink.

Mrs. Wright wishes to thank all friends for kind enquiries received concerning her husband.

CHRISTMAS EVE ACCIDENT AT WALPOLE

Death of Mr. G. M. Chapman

VERDICT OF 'ACCIDENTAL DEATH'

The King's Lynn Deputy Borough Coroner (Mr. G. H. G. Staveley) recorded a verdict of "Accidental Death" at the inquest at the Town Hall, King's Lynn, on Wednesday morning on George Manning Chapman, of Lyndhurst, Pidgeon-street, Walpole St. Andrew, who died in King's Lynn Hospital at 12.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, five minutes after admission.

The Norfolk County Constabulary were represented by Inspector Talbot, Messrs. Alan G. Hawkins and Co., King's Lynn, appeared for the driver of the bus involved, while Messrs. Metcalfe, Copeman and Pettefar, Wisbech represented deceased's relatives.

Hugh Spencer Chapman, smallholder, Market-lane, Walpole St. Andrew, identified the body as that of his father, who was aged 71 years. He last saw him before the accident at 9.40 p.m. on Christmas Eve when witness left the Princess Victoria, Walpole St. Andrew. Deceased was then in his usual jolly and cheerful mood, not affected by the drink he was having. Witness went on to the Plough till about 10.15 p.m. and on his way home he passed a stationary bus and saw his father lying unconscious on the grass verge. His father had enjoyed good health for several years and had good eyesight and hearing. It was deceased's habit to try to get a lift home on the bus that went past. He had been to Wisbech that day until about 6 p.m.

The police surgeon, Dr. Morley Chadwick, stated that he conducted a post mortem examination on December 27th. He found on the right side of the skull an area of bruising with abrasions extending up to the crown of the head. A slight abrasion was on the right ear and there was a deep cut on the right side of the chin. Internal examination revealed an area of hemorrhage under the scalp, extending over the right side of the skull. There was a large blood clot on the right side of the skull and a fracture of the bone extending towards the midline on the base of the skull. There were no other signs of injury in the body or evidence of

disease. Death was due to the effects of the fracture of the skull, injury which was consistent with having been involved in a collision with a motor vehicle. A great deal of weight would be needed behind the blow. There was a little fluid in the stomach, but nothing unusual.

The driver of the bus, Charles Cooke, The Garage, Walpole St. Peter, said about 10.10 p.m. on Friday he was driving the bus back to the garage. He had passed the Princess Victoria and got over the cross roads when something came from his left hand side of the road. He steered to the right and applied the brakes and felt a bump. The bus stopped diagonally across the road. He got his torch, climbed down the nearside door and saw deceased lying in the road. He recognised him, moved him to the grass verge, made him comfortable and went to the Princess Victoria for assistance. He then telephoned for the doctor and police. Witness had been driving at 15 m.p.h. with his two sidelights and a masked headlamp on the offside. He had given deceased a lift home on several occasions. He had made his last trip that evening from Wisbech at 8.45 and dropped his passengers at Cross Keys. Deceased's breath just smelt of alcohol.

P.c. Cutting (Walpole St. Peter) stated that when he got to the scene at 11.20 p.m., deceased had been removed to King's Lynn Hospital in the bus concerned. There were no signs of where the accident took place on the road. When the bus returned the last witness showed him a spot 15 yards on the Wisbech side of the cross roads. The only damage he could find to the bus was that the nearside headlamp was bent backwards and downwards, but the glass was not broken. Witness passed the spot about 10.2 p.m. that night and saw nothing of deceased who was said to have left the public house about 40 yards away at 9.55 p.m. Witness also met the bus a few minutes later and its lights were then in order. Deceased was said to have been sober when he left the public house. Witness understood he had had two small whiskies and a stout between 8.30 and 9.55 p.m.

P.s. Moore (King's Lynn) said he had been informed by the house surgeon at the hospital that Chapman was admitted at 12.10 a.m. and died at 12.15 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Recording the verdict the Coroner said how the accident actually happened was not clear. Deceased's presence on the road was unexplained and was likely to remain so.

Sympathy was expressed with the relatives or deceased.

turn a verdict of accidental death or they might return a verdict of manslaughter, in which case it would be his unpleasant duty to take certain steps regarding the gate-keeper (Chandler). The Coroner pointed out the difference between civil negligence and gross or culpable negligence, remarking that they would have to find culpable negligence before they could return a verdict of manslaughter.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death as stated. The foreman said that the jury were of opinion that the bus should

LOCAL WEDDINGS

CORPORALS MARRIED AT WELLS

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on December 22nd between Miss Joyce Hill, of Plaistow, S. and Corpl. Harold Edward Moden, R.I.F. youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hill of Tipton. The bride was elegantly attired in an ankle length dress of taffeta with spotted net veil and a blossom. She wore a heart pendant, a gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and white chrysanthemums with trailing fern. She was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Herrington of Plaistow. Her bridesmaids, the Misses Hazel and Joan Houghton, nieces of the bridegroom, wore ankle length dress of pale green taffeta, with pale green net secured by gold wreaths. They wore signet rings, the gifts of the bridegroom, carried bouquets of bronze and yellow I. santhemums and maidenhair fern.

Mr. Stanley Macer, friend of the groom, was best man.

The Rev. A. B. Johnston conducted the service, and the hymns "The voice breathed o'er Eden" and "How welcome the call" were sung. Mrs. A. Neville played at the organ. On leaving the church the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by little Eric Houghton.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's parents and they were recipients of many presents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moden have been members of the Forces for nearly five years, Mrs. Moden being a corporal in the W.A.A.F. They return to their respective units after leave.

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES

The wedding took place at Marshland St. James Parish Church on December 18th between Miss Nellie Rose Dodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dodman, of 6, Council House, Marshland St. James and Mr. Keith Neville Wing, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Wing of Marshland St. James.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a dress of white taffeta with white net overlay, a headdress of orange blossom and silver shoes. She carried a prayer book. There were two bridesmaids in attendance, Miss Vera Dodman (sister of the bride) who wore a dress of blue with headdress to match and golden shoes, and Miss Margery Fisher (step-sister of the bride) who wore pink satin with headdress to match and silver shoes. Both carried prayer books.

The service was conducted by the Rev. N. Bales and the duties of best man were carried out by Mr. A. Wing (brother of the bridegroom).

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Jubilee Hall, Smeeth-road, with about 100 guests were entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Wing will make their future home at Marshland St. James.

WISBECH ST. MARY

A pretty wedding took place at

MARCH RAILWAY CROSSING ACCIDENT

THREE VICTIMS OF POTATO PICKING EXPEDITION

TRAIN DRIVER EXONERATED

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A verdict of accidental death was returned at the resumed inquest at March on Wednesday on the three victims of the train accident at Middle Drove, March, on October 11th—William Kisby (34), farmer, Ramsay House, Dartford-road, March; Mrs. S. P. Chambers (38), wife of the foreman of the March Urban District Council, Wisbech-road, March, and Mrs. I. M. Barney (44), also of Wisbech-road, March. The three victims were occupants of a car driven by Mr. Kisby over a level crossing when it was hit by a train going from Peterborough to March. Two other occupants of the car (Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Anker) were injured.

The jury exonerated the driver of the train (Ernest Daniel Russell) from all blame and the District Coroner (Mr. John R. Dawbarn) said that he believed it was the proper verdict.

Evidence was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, Wisbech-road, March, who said that Mr. Kisby called for her with a motor car on the morning of October 11th to go potato picking at Middle Drove. She sat behind Mr. Kisby, who was driving, others in the car being Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Anker and Mrs. Barney. Mrs. Chambers was next to witness and Mrs. Barney sat in front with Mr. Kisby. It was a very foggy morning. She remembered reaching Whittlesey-road and she also remembered passing Mr. Ogden's house. At Middle Drove she was getting her cycle clips to put on. After that she remembered nothing until she heard the doctor speak to her after the accident.

A member of the jury: Did you remember the car stop at all?—Witness: No.

You don't remember seeing the gates open?—I do not remember approaching the crossing.

Witness added that she had been over the crossing the previous day.

Mr. G. Pettefar (Messrs. Metcalfe, Cope-man and Pettefar), for the two deceased women, asked if she could tell whether the car was right hand or left hand driven.

Witness said she could not say.

Mr. Kisby was sitting at the right side of the car and you were sitting behind him?—Yes.

Mrs. Wright having concluded giving her evidence, the Coroner said he was sure they would all join with him in wishing Mrs. Wright a speedy recovery.

P.c. Read, March, gave evidence of visiting the scene after the occurrence and finding three people dead and two injured. There was a very dense fog, and one could see only about ten or fifteen yards. He examined the railway bell at the crossing. It was working.

In reply to questions, witness said that the bell could be heard by a man standing ten yards away. If a person was down in the hut and the door closed the bell would be very faint. Witness said that he could not tell what visibility was at 7.20 on that morning.

The Coroner, who said that Mrs. Anker was still very bad in hospital, intimated that there would be no further evidence. He remarked that the visibility that morning was very bad, although the tractor-driver (Bradshaw) said he could see the gate being opened from where he was some distance away. In that respect they would have to treat some of the statements with suspicion. They would have to be very careful about that part of the evidence. They might re-

be placed near the gatekeeper's hut.

Mr. F. C. Scott, for the L.N.E.R., intimated that since the accident the gatekeeper had been instructed to keep in such a position that he could always hear the bell.

Mr. R. L. R. Bentley (Messrs. Ollard and Bentley) and Mr. K. H. Giltrow represented the relatives of the late Mr. Kisby, and Mr. A. E. Goss, of the N.U.R., was for the various railwaymen including the gatekeeper.

CORONER NOT SATISFIED

INQUEST ON BABY ADJOURNED

Remarking that he had seen the body himself and was not satisfied with its condition, the District Coroner (Mr. John R. Dawbarn) on Thursday at the Wisbech Police Station adjourned until Friday an inquest which he had just opened concerning the death at the North Cambs. Hospital on Wednesday of a one-year-old baby girl, Margaret Rose Mason.

The Coroner said that he would adjourn the proceedings so that he could empanel a jury.

Evidence of identification was given by the mother, Gladys Mason, c/o Mrs. Pauley, Heading's Farm, Bedford Bank, Manea.

Supt. W. A. Beard and Supt. J. F. Flatman (March) represented the police, Inspector Smith was for the N.S.P.C.C., and Sergt. Skoulding was Coroner's Officer.

FUEL ECONOMY

CUT IN COAL QUOTA

Not more than four cwt. of house or kitchen coal can be supplied to domestic or other controlled premises in the south of England during January the Ministry of Fuel announced on Thursday. In the north the maximum will be five cwt.

During the two-monthly period November-December the coal allowance for the south was 10 cwt. and for the north 13 cwt. On a monthly basis the present cut is 1 cwt. in the south and 1½ cwt. in the north.

Earlier this month coal for factories was cut by 10 per cent. Previously gas undertakings had had their supplies reduced.

The Ministry explained on Thursday that the January reduction had been imposed "in view of the present supply position and the need for providing against future coal requirements for military operations." Stocks in merchants' yards are to be reserved "for use in future periods when supplies may be interrupted."

No coal can be supplied in January to any person whose stock exceeds one ton, nor will purchases be permitted which raise existing stock above a ton.

Coke and large anthracite remain free of restriction. Small anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal or manufactured fuels can be obtained, if available, up to a maximum of 10 cwt. in January if the consumer's total stock of these fuels is not raised above 30 cwt.

"These restrictions," state the Ministry "will not involve undue hardship if all consumers exercise proper economy."

bech St. Mary Church on December 2 when Miss Elsie J. Tawn, third daughter Mrs. M. Tawn, and the late Mr. R. Tawn The Broad, Wisbech St. Mary, was married to Mr. Bernard J. Fowler, second son of and Mrs. A. Fowler, of Brigg, Lincolnshire. The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev. Canon Mowbray St. Miss Cook was the organist and played wedding music. The hymns sung "The Voice that breathe'd o'er Eden" "Lead us Heavenly Father lead us."

The bride who was given away by grandfather Mr. W. Cooper, looked charming in a gown of oyster shell satin with and wreath of orange blossom. Her quiet was of bronze and white chrysanthemums. She had four attendants. bridesmaids were Miss Hazel Tawn (sister Miss Pam Tawn (sister), Miss M. Fowler (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Sh. Fowler (niece of the bridegroom). Miss Tawn and Miss M. Fowler wore dresses blue taffeta and pink veils with accessories to match, Miss Pam Tawn and Miss Sh. Fowler wore dresses of pink taffeta. The bridesmaids wore wreaths of blue leaves accessories to match. They all carried bouquets of yellow and white chrysanthemums. On leaving the church the bride was sent with silver horseshoes by Dr. Hercock (nephew) and Colin Butwin (cousin). The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Walter P. Howson Brigg, a friend of the bridegroom.

After the ceremony a reception was in the Village Hall where about 80 guests attended. Later the bouquets of the bride and bridesmaids were placed on the grave of her father and grandmother at Guy's Cemetery.

The bride who had been a popular member of the Gay Follies Concert Party at Guy's for some time was presented with a chrom sweep, sugar tongs and sifter as a part gift. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler's future home will be at Brigg, Lincolnshire.

ALLEGED RIVER POLLUTION

At the Huntingdon Borough Court Wednesday, the Huntingdon and Godwinchester Gas and Coke Company were summoned by George Henry Lewis, clerk to the Ouse and Cam Fishery Board, Cambridge.

The alleged offence was that they knowingly permitted to flow into a tributary known as Alconbury Brook, and forming part of the river Great Ouse, containing fish, certain liquid matter to such an extent as cause the water to be poisonous and injurious to fish at Huntingdon on August 30th, 1919.

No evidence was offered and an adjournment for a month was granted.

MARKETS

LYNN CATTLE, TUESDAY.—The following fat stock were collected on behalf of the Ministry of Food: Fat cattle 12, sheep 61, pigs and calves 46.

At Messrs. Cruso and Wilkin's auction a quiet market of 160 cattle included 80 head of dairy stock which changed hands at low rates. There was only one first rate heifer which sold for £54. Second-grade incalves made from £28 to £39, milkers £25 to £30. There was little variation in recent prices, the few pens of store cattle, and rearing calves were not wanted unless of good red colour.

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(Regiment) The Cambo Regiment
is a Prisoner of War In No 2 Prisoner
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Should any other information be received concerning him, such information will be at once communicated to you.

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I am,

SIR OR MADAM,

Your obedient Servant,

A. J. Green
Colonel

Officer in charge of Records.

IMPORTANT.—Any change of your address should be immediately notified to this Office. It should also be notified, if you receive information from the soldier above, that his address has been changed.

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The name and address of the sender and of the prisoner should be written in block capitals on the back of the photograph. No other writing may appear on the photograph.

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H. M. J. "Orduna"

At Sea.

Somewhere between Rangoon + Colombo. September 23rd.

P.S. I hope I get some letters

Dear Mum, Mamey, Jack + Rosa,

at Colombo, xxx

At last I am able to send you an uncensored letter, you will see by the above that I am now well and truly on my way home I think Ralph will be home probably about 2 or 3 days before me as his draft left Rangoon on an earlier boat, at least he left the transit camp before me. I don't know when we shall arrive in Bighty, it should be in about a months time I think anyway I will be writing again as we get closer to let you know as near as I can, they say we call at Colombo and Port Said, then through the Suez to the Med. and home. I don't think we are being allowed any shore leave as they want to get us home as soon as possible. Rumour has it that this the Captains last trip and that he too wants to get home to England quickly. I think I should get about 104 days leave, so we will be able to make up a bit for these past four years, they say we will probably be sent straight home on arriving in England, but that we have to go back to a depot after a fortnight for a medical examination and to get our papers fixed up.

We listened to the programme "Homeward Bound"

from the B.B.C. broadcast over the ships loudspeakers, last night, it is a programme especially for P.O.W.'s and is relayed on the Empire Transmission twice a week, we also hear the news, at the present moment we are listening to some records of orchestral music.

They are looking after us marvellously on board, what with issues of cigarettes, sweets, chocolate, ginger beer and lime juice and other necessities it is more like a pleasure trip with no subs. or aircraft to

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worry about, of course they would have to give us a T.A.B. inoculation, it made me feel a bit queer yesterday but I am glad to say that I am O.K. again this morning, we are also on a course of mepachrine and Vitamin tablets, actually I don't think we really need any Vitamin tablets now, as the food is so good but I expect they are but to get us really fit in a fairly short time. This is the best of the 3 troopships that I have experienced, as we are not overcrowded, which makes canteen and other facilities much easier, I have just been to the Church Service on board the first proper church service for 3½ yrs that I have attended. I have written to Mary as well, according to the crew there is a big possibility that we shall dock at Liverpool, so I may be able to see her on my way to Wisbeck, of course it may be Southampton or Plymouth. There are several Wisbeck lads on board, one I think you will remember Ray Gilbert he lives at the top of ~~Barnes~~ Cannon St. and used to go to the Queens School with me, so I shall have company on the way home.

Well Family I must close down now, every hour puts miles behind me, and brings the day of our reunion closer, of course it would have been quicker to have flown home, but in a way I am glad they gave us the sea voyage as I feel it will get us built up for the winter, and another thing we shan't feel the change in climate so much. I hope Jack is enjoying his leave, he will have to get some when I get home or there will be trouble, anyway cheerio for now, I will write again after we have left Columbus, until then,

I Remain
Your loving son + Bee
James

H. M. S. "Orduna"

At Sea

October 14th 1945

Dear Mum, Mamey & Rosamond,

They have told us that there is a slight chance that mail may be picked up at Gibraltar so I am writing to you on the off-chance. I think it seems pretty definite that we will dock sometime on Friday the 19th G.W.P. but I can't say what time of the day it will be. I have written to Jack telling him when I expect to land so that he can arrange his leave, they will probably announce it over the wireless as we near Liverpool. We are once more back on G.M.S. so it is quite easy to picture what you are all doing, in Thailand we were about 9 hrs ahead of you, we should actually travel about another $7\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west of Blyth to get round Spain. I expect Ralph is almost home I don't know, Len Blower who was one of the old signal platoon passed me at Port Suez, I think I shall probably be the last of the four signallers who were with me when we got the terrific news, my word this boat seems as though it will never get there, they say we may stop at Gib. but not for long. I haven't made any arrangements with Mary yet, I am hoping that she will be able to get some time off from work when I go to see her, of course I may see her as I travel down to Wisbech, I have put myself down for the draft that goes to Peterboro,

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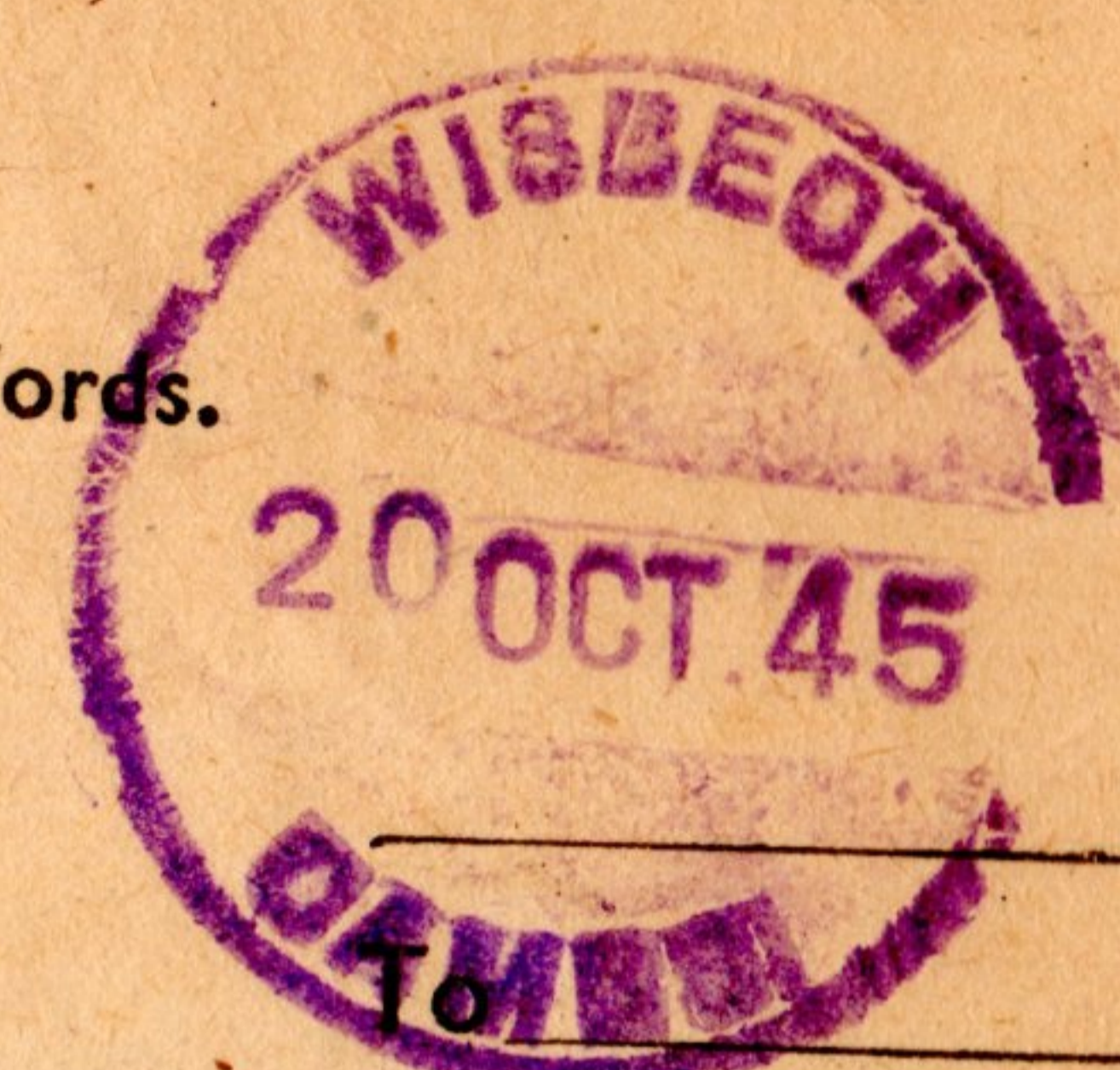
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Mrs A W Frost
c/o "San Remo"
5, Kingsley St,
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Dear Mum + All,
managed to get just
up here for an
hour this evening
quite a nice
little place, back
to barracks tomorrow
& think. Love to all,
Your Loving Son Jim

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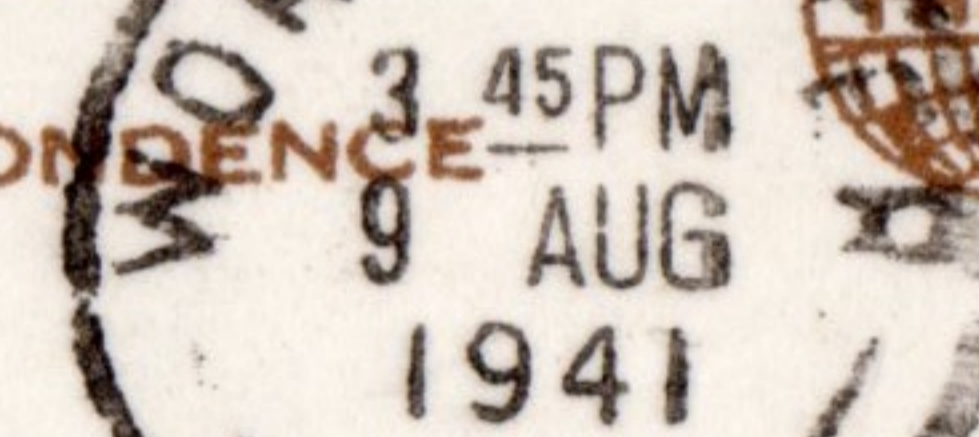
Dear Mum, Marge + Rosa
just
a card to let you
know we arrived safely
and are bivouacking
here the night, yes I
would like you to
send a wire if you do
get a cable from Jack
I told Wymer to tell you if he saw
you. Expect to be back on Thursday, love to all
xxxxxx

Mr + Mrs A.W. Frost
27, Railway Road,
Wisbeck,
bambis.
love to all
gamie

VALENTINE'S

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GREAT BRITAIN

THIS IS A REAL PHOTOGRAPH

Dear Mum,
We spent
the night here
last night and have
been allowed into
the town for this
afternoon still on
the stunt. Love to
all,
Your Loving Son, Jim

Mrs A W Frost
27, Railway Road
Wisbeck
bambis

Dear Mum, just a card
to let you know we
were allowed out in
the town here today
although like it, there is
kitch - like it, necessary
to come in from down
up
xxxxxx

Mrs A W Frost
c/o Mr & Marge
5, Kingsley St,
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Heartiest greetings from home



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Warmest greetings from home.

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ALSO CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

GOD BLESS YOU.

FONDEST LOVE, MUM.

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