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My Dear Jean

you must excuse me for being so long in writing as I feel like crawling into a hole and never coming out again I'm the miserablest and sorriest man in the all the world since poor old George was killed we were like brothers we were never apart out of the lines they used to call us husband and wife in Batt so you can tell how much I miss him I did not know he was killed until we came out of the lines either as he was transferred into the Machine gun section a few weeks ago and I was in the bombers its the first time we had been parted in the lines oh dear Jeanie the way I feel this last



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few weeks I wish I were gone with him
well dear little girl I can just imagine
how you all felt at home being so
far away but we will all try and
cheer up and pray to God that we
may meet in the next world every
one the Batt thought such a lot of him
he was so good and kind anyone that
knew him couldn't help but like him
and he had grown such a fine boy
since he left Australia he must have stood
six foot and was nearly 13 stone so you
can guess how he filled out and grew I
can't realise it's true yet oh how I wish
it wasn't every line makes my heart ache
no doubt poor boy he is better off but it is that
are left behind that will suffer all his dear ones
that loved him so well but we will all bear up a
little for poor old George's sake he wouldn't like to see
all so downhearted I am sure of that



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I am verry verry sorry to have to bring back old memories to all Georges dear ones at home but I know you would like to hear as much as you can about him he was never so happy as when he was in the line plugging at old Teritz. Ill bet he made the dirty wretches suffer this time with his machine gun before he died by what I can hear from one of the chaps that was near him at the time, he was killed instantous, it was on the 5th of April at a place called ~~Don~~ poor old boy was shot through the head as soon as we go up there again I will do his grave up with some flowers we are trasferred into different Batt now there is ~~no~~ well dear Jean I will close with deepest symphy to all at home and with tons of love to all Your sincere friend Jussy

P.T.O.

NOTE none left
52nd became 49th - per Xmas card