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Garcia - Base Bay
Sydney - N. S. W.
13th January 1918.

Dear Charlie

No news has reached us, & we cannot understand why
John & Mr David Dickson, & the Red Cross people have found
no trace of you, & Mr Beaver Mrs Hughes's man of Fisheries
London, got that information that your machine was seen
in flames, such awful information, & I cannot under-
stand how he got this information, when none of the others
have heard anything. Mrs Hughes thinks you must have
got the machine to earth, & that the Germans must
have taken you, but Charlie dear, I hope if you are
a prisoner in Germany that you will write to me
you may never get this letter through, but I hope &
hope in that you are safe, & that this may reach you,
for you will be sure to let the Bank of Australasia
know, & then they will get your letters through to you.
I am wearing your dear little hood, you sent me for Christmas.
It's awful to think that you may be cold & hungry & murdered
my poor old boy, & we can do nothing. I read such
wretched accounts in the papers of shortness of food
in all these countries, & feel so anxious, but perhaps
some news will come through this week.
Walter is with us today, he is at Liverpool again with

the musketry party again, this time he is having some
practice in shooting, they kept him back at Menangle. &
Walter was so disappointed that I wrote to Colonel Doen
to see ~~what what~~ had why he was omitted from the party
& Colonel Doen did not know that he had been, until I
wrote so he gave instructions for Walter to be sent on.
The two Mr Chases are there from Bowling Station, Mr
Harrie Smith & they are all good to Walter, I want
him to keep with them, & Walter wants to, so he does not
want to get in with a rough lot, there are some inclining
not to good from some accounts.

Father is most likely on his way to Red Hill, Clarence is
back, his father died rather suddenly, & so did poor old
Mrs Donnelly - Jean goes to stay with the Wrights for a
time, with her relations, Kate will go to Red Hill in part
of father's stay, I will stay here as Walter comes home to me
every Saturday night & sets his clean clothes, he looks very
well, though anxious for news of you, we are so anxious.
Rachel was very pleased to get your letter written on the 13th
Nov. & father forwarded on yours to him, I am afraid it must
have been your engine, as you said, that it had developed
trouble from your account it must have been a Irregular
but it sounds like careless workmanship somewhere.
I don't know whether Rachel still writes, she looks a little thin again.
From your loving Mother,
Christie Campbell