

1.9.17.

13, Norham Gardens,
Oxford.

Dear Birkett,

Our dear laddie has been taken! We felt all along that it was to be our Fate. I felt certain that escape was impossible. I have had so much and no knocks to speak of! We have to thank you for your kind care of him. War was not his job. I dare say he is glad to be out of the Hell and at peace. He only went into it for our sake. The whole business was loathesome to him. He had been much happier of late and had learned to take a great interest in his men, who had won his esteem.

I hope you are better. Do come to us when you are in England.

Greetings to all.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Wm. Osler.