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My Dear Mollie

I received your letter dated 2/12/18 on Thursday Jan 31st & was very glad to hear from you again. I was going to write to Auntie Elma today, but I have not so much paper, and as the cañon has cold out for a day or two, I will have to write to her later. I have written to Auntie Edie by this mail and have asked her to send the letter home, so you can all see it. I will write to Auntie Edie & Auntie Elma alternately, I think that will do alright. I got the photos also and think they are very good. Will I ever have got to Palistine at last and I it is very nice country after the sand of Egypt. I wrote last from a camp on the way up here, & so will continue from where my last letter left off. We left there at 8.30 A.M. on Sunday 20th Jan. & had a fine trip right through. We saw a lot of natives ploughing & sowing their crops. They work cows & donkeys & camels in their ploughs. There are a great lot of camels here & the other day I saw a lot going past the camp. They were four abreast & would reach from Island Bay to Town. They were all loaded with horse feed & stores of different descriptions. You would like to see the orange groves up here I am sure. The trees are loaded with fruit just now & they are a very fine sight. I have just been over to one of the groves & have got half a sack full. They are very large ones too. How would you like

to live in a place like this. There is also a very big orchard
 of almond nuts not far from here. The trees are all out in bloom
 now & look very pretty. Tell Uncle Archie I have met W. Sullivan
 & Bill Wilkinson here. They used to work on the wharf & he knows
 both of them. Have also met Sam Beecham who used to drive
 for Casson. Tell Grandpa & let Mr. Hobbs know that I met
 his nephew Mr. Elgerton the other day. He is in the 6th Squadron
 W. M. R. As you have been up for your Exam have you, I wonder
 if you secured a scholarship. I have had eighteen letters from
 Mr. L. & he has landed so. I have done very well have not I. I hope
 you get the parcel safely that I sent from Suva. Let me know
 when you write about you. Tell Hick & Keith & Joan. Aplean
 & Shirley that I will write to them soon. I am sending a
 photo we had taken the last Sunday we were in Featherston
~~there~~. I had them printed in Ismailia. I have told Aunt
 Edie all the news so I will close now with lots of love to all
 at home. Love

Your loving Papa

Tell Grandma I am getting on fine & be sure & tell her
 as much as you can. I was very pleased to get the photos
 the other day. We are going to have a photo taken in a few
 days and I will send some home.