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Dear Mother
 I received your letter of the 14th and was
 glad to hear from you and to hear
 that you were all well. I am well
 at present and hope these few lines
 will find you all the same. I have
 not much news to write at present.
 Everything is quiet here. I have
 been thinking of writing to you
 often but have not had time. I
 hope you are all well and happy.
 I love you all very much and
 hope to see you all soon. I
 am your affectionate son,
 John

