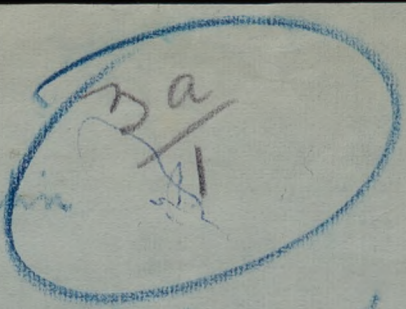


Continuation Sheet No.

To G. S. Durin

From T. SMITHIES TAYLOR,
LEICESTER & LONDON.



Officers Mess
2nd Normis Field Arty
Camp Chatsworth Park
9.7.13

Account (with)

I have not had much chance of writing to you since I came here on Tuesday. I wanted to forget letters but have had to write a lot about mother. They still at an infirmary in W. I send her p.c's only there & put your address (in case they are not delivered) as Berlin G. S. Durin, Melbury Hall, etc. send only general news don't refer to her case except to say for instance. How proud you are pleased she is &c. &c. On 3rd line above I don't mean forget your letters or want not to reply to them! The more the better but I needed a holiday so badly, I felt I must stop. Out here I am better already & find as a matter of fact plenty to do as a heavy man. Today at a rehearsal of 3 Field Ambulances for a review tomorrow I acted (in blue) as Auxiliary General & took the general salute of the salute at the March Post! The mess did not give me the usual Champagne luncheon afterwards!

I had the 1st letter from mother today. She says not to say so but I fancy she has now been removed (after taking food & getting stronger) to the workhouse. We have still to fight out whether I stay for her keep or whether her time counts in infirmary counts as part of the sentence (I hope she completes her sentence last Sunday) or if she has still to go 4 more days in Holloway. I hope without Hunger strike. She means to carry the case thro' it has been reported all over the country as of wife of Capt. RT !! It has certainly made a wonderful fuss! I have not yet heard from Mrs. Smark at camp with details but Smark is in Norfolk. All letters are being sent to you here. I will send your p.c's to Mrs. Smark when I hear her address. Yours p.c. of 5th I am sending to mother as above.

I received your awfully nice note on 4th & my papers returned. It is very trying work, but your wonderful mother & your old Dad will do our best to fight the hell of a Government our greatest reward is to know that it is for our children & that they approve it while the world scoffs. That our children will carry it on better than we can do we are all so proud of the way you work & of the way you look at your duties & training for life.
Best love Mrs. Smark & your loving Dad.