

Smaldual
South Africa
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Dear friend Davie

Just a few lines to let you know that I am quite well ever since I came out here I was not even sick so that is a good deal is it not, so I hope this will find you and the family all well. I did not hear from you since I wrote you last but I think our letters is not reaching home so we are beginning to think, as there is a few longing to hear from the old country.

This is the eighth day we are on the march so we landed here this morning I think we are going to march to Bloemfontein so that is a weeks marching for us yet, we stayed one night in Kroonstade it is a very nice little town we lay for a week about 28 miles out from Kroonstade that is a place called the Walsh river and we had one of the highland light infantry struck dead with lightning and two others knocked unconscious. I was standing about a hundred yards away when I seen a cloud of dust rising in the middle of the regiment . So I said to one of them that was standing beside me that some of them was killed he had his hat torn also his boot split it was very sad, well I hear as I am writing that we are going home soon so we will be glad of a rest, just think marching for over 6 months

I put down my name for to stay in the country but we must hear more about it before we make a settlement the country will be different altogether after the war is over however it will be very risky for a long time yet,

there is a lot of Boers knocking about yet , the rascals is blowing up the bridges every now and then but there little game will soon be over now,

well I must close hoping this note will find you some time , if it is time that we are going home I will tell you later on while I remain your affectionate friend.

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