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Papers relating to the Alison and Armitage families
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A Squadron 18th Reinforcements

Featherston Military Camp

March 19 1916.

Dear Mother,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive & kicking. We arrived back from Papawai after a weeks shooting on the ranges. My shooting was well above the average I scored 160 out of a possible 220; to qualify you had to score 110. We had an eight mile walk back to camp in the heavy rain, & with out heavy great coats & other gear to lump it was no picnic. I was only back in camp about an hour when I ran into Charlie & Bill Sutherland. Camp life has not improved Charlie's appearance so far, he looks a cut in his denum suit & heavy boots. The socks they issue to us here are not of much account & would be much oblige if you would send down a pair of that Pop nitted

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A Squadron 13th Reinforcements

Featherston Military Camp

March 19th 1916

There is some word of our getting
final leave on the 18th of next month
so we have not long to go. By the
way have you received the money
for the horse. As there is not
much news I will close. Hoping you
are all well I remain your sincere
son

Cook

P.S. I am enclosing a couple
of snaps of some of the boys
the photo taken at the range is fair
but ~~in~~ the other is very poorly taken.
I was on night^{ly} picket the night
duty the night before + I was
half asleep.