

for my supper last night.  
Did you know Mrs. A.  
has got a stripe & Cecil's  
was offered one but would  
not have it. It was a  
bit hot in the trenches  
2 or 3 days. Fritz don't  
half get wild sometimes,  
but our chaps give him  
something to be going on  
with. Well I will close  
now, one more thanking  
you for your "nice" parcel  
Love to all  
Billy

Somewhere in France  
18<sup>th</sup> Sep

Dear Hedda & Fred  
I have  
at last found time to  
write & thank you for  
your very useful parcel,  
which I received in the  
trenches. I jumped for  
joy when I got it (nearly  
knocked the top of the  
dug-out in with my napper)  
We happened to be on  
bully beef & biscuits that  
day for dinner, so it  
came in very useful. I  
such biscuits, they would

made very good slab stones  
for a garden path. We  
went in the trenches the  
same day that Ted came  
home, ~~came out~~ ~~last~~ the  
night before last. I didn't  
write yesterday, have waited  
for this envelope. Oh  
those macaroons, (smack)  
they ~~was~~ great, also the  
cake, I didn't tackle  
bruly for 4 days after,  
& the chocolates, were a  
treat, you dont get  
very good chocolate in  
France, & what you do  
get you have to pay  
double to that in England.

I should have liked to  
gone to Waltham Flower Show,  
not half. Give my love  
to Miss Chapman, tell her  
I can compliment her on  
her baking. I didn't know  
what you meant by Bunny  
going to Waltham, until  
I got Mother's letter  
yesterday. I think its  
the best he could do,  
as for, your old man,  
as you call him, he is  
alright & he nailed  
the box up most  
securely. Had some more