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Dear Friend

I write these few lines hoping you will excuse writing and paper. I suppose by now you will have heard of your son. Hoping as he is getting on the way to good health. I was Mr.Ackerley's servant and I was with him when he got wounded. I'm glad to say as his cigarette case saved his life. I've got his case, he gave it to me and his last words when leaving me was to see it went home for he knew as I would if I came through alright, which I did, thank God. I will send it to you when I can get a registered letter. If I can't I shall keep it until I come on leave as I live in New Hall St. Pendleton. We were in the line and Fritz was sniping at us. He said to me I'll shift him. So he went and ? him out of the line. I know he killed two and what could ran for their lives but a sniper was in the roof of a house close by. Mr.Ackerley was a good soldier and I was sorry to lose him but I hope its not long before he is better and please remind me to him when you visit. Pte.J.E.Roberts, No 45316, 11 Batt. Lancs. Fusiliers, C Company, B.E.F., France. I now close hoping you receive this letter in the best of health as it leaves me at present.

From a Friend

John.