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'A' Battery,  
59th Field Artillery Brigade.

July 17<sup>th</sup> (1917)

Dear Dr. Jacobs;

Thank you and Mrs. Jacobs so much for your Christmas card and please forgive me for not writing to you before. We only came out of action the other day and this is really the first chance I have had to write any letters except those of course to muz and dad. The battery has been in action continuously since August and we are now trying to get it back into shape and ready to return to the line for the numerous advances in the spring. I am hoping to get home on leave at the end of this month for ten days but at present all leave is at a standstill and I am beginning to fear that I will have to wait longer. It will be the greatest pleasure I have ever had to get home again after these last four nightmares of months. I get book catalogues from Dad & some of the sale catalogues from Sotheby's fairly regularly and make an occasional bid when they reach me in time. The other day I got the first edition of Ch. Cotton's Poems & Nicholls Progress of Queen Elizabeth. I wish you could see my Waltonannia. There are really some very nice things among them & in time it should become a good collection supposing the cash to hold out long enough and the war to end soon enough. 'Tis a long job yet, we all think here.

My regards to Mrs. Jacobs,

Yours sincerely,

Revere Osler.